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Another strike today Anti-Israel rallies sweep W. Bank anew

TEL AVIV, March 29 (Agencies) — New protest rallies against Israeli rule erupted in West Bank areas overnight and 20 persons were arrested in the town of Beit Sahour Monday.

The uprising was sparked by the dismissals last week of three locally-elected Arab

Kingdom backs Arab uprising

RIYADH, March 29 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia Monday reassured that it backed the steadfastness of the Palestinian people and their heroic uprising in the occupied Arab territories. A statement to this effect was made by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani after the weekly cabinet meeting presided over by Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard.

Dr. Yamani said that the cabinet reviewed reports on the situation in the occupied Arab territories and the heroic resistance put up by the Palestinian people against the enemy's designs and the savage repression to which the citizens are subjected. The cabinet reaffirmed its backing of the steadfastness of the Palestinian people and supported the "heroic uprising of a people wanting to establish their right to live in a homeland and combat injustice and persecution."

Prince Abdullah conveyed to the cabinet the interest vested by King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd in the subject. He said that the king and the crown prince were eyeing with deep concern the turn of events.

The cabinet then examined and approved the by-laws of the Supreme Information Council. It also approved the security agreements with the United Arab Emirates, Oman and Qatar after a briefing by Interior Minister Prince Naif.

mayors by the Israeli occupation authorities.

Instead of pro-PLO West Bank leaders, Israel is encouraging puppets willing to cooperate with its new civilian administration in the occupied territories. Government sources said the Israeli crackdown was prompted by reports that the PLO had organized a campaign of resistance to take place in May, soon after Begin's administration is due to complete Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai.

A general strike called by Palestinian leaders on the West Bank and in Gaza appeared to be intensified Monday. All the shops remained closed. Arab leaders have proposed another strike Tuesday, known as "land day", to mark the sixth anniversary of bloody clashes with Israeli security forces over the confiscation of Arab properties.

Palestinians of the occupied areas, where eight Arabs have been killed by Israeli gunfire during the present uprising, condemned the use of rubber bullets by the military authorities. Last Saturday, rubber bullets were fired by Israeli soldiers as they dispersed an Arab demonstration in Nablus, the main West Bank town.

Arab sources said Monday that five more members of Israeli-sponsored village leagues in the West Bank had resigned following Jordanian threats to bring treason charges against them.

Meanwhile, Israel warned Jordan of reprisals if it went through with its threat of confiscating Jordanian property of those local councilmen on the West Bank not resigning from their posts.

The warning was issued by a spokesman for the Israeli Foreign Ministry. He said that Israel took "very seriously" a declaration by the Jordanian government to that effect and wished to remind it that "numerous Jordanian officials own property on the West Bank, including King Hussein himself." Israel could seize all this if Jordan confiscates the property of the councilmen.

In East Jerusalem, two Arabic newspapers, *Al-Fajr* and *Al-Shaab*, announced they were going on strike for one day because the Israeli occupation authorities have banned their sale in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since last Friday.

King, Stevens discuss ties

JEDDAH, March 29 (SPA) — President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone arrived here Monday from Riyadh where he had a round of talks with King Khaled about bilateral relations and other issues of mutual interest. The talks were attended on the Saudi Arabian side by Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Defense Minister Prince Sultan, Foreign Minister Prince Saud, Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail, Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman Solaim, Education Minister Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Khawaiter and Abbas Ghazzawi, director of Asian and African Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Iraq rebuts Iran claims

PARIS, March 29 (Agencies) — Iraq Monday denied Iranian press reports that 18 of its planes were destroyed in recent fighting in the central sector of the front with Iran, an Iraqi News Agency report monitored here said.

The Iraqi Air Force was in complete control of the air, a military spokesman said. "The air force has carried out 562 raids against enemy military positions over the past 10 days while helicopters have gone into action 245 times," for the loss of two planes and five helicopters, he added.

In Yugoslavia, a top Iraqi official was quoted Monday as saying Iraq was prepared to give up some of the territory it has seized from Iran as part of a negotiated settlement to the neighboring countries' 18-month-old war.

Taha Yasin Ramadan, first deputy premier and head of the Iraqi army, said his country was prepared to give up the land if Iran recognized Iraq's "fundamental rights."

U.S. firm on arms buildup

SEOUL, March 29 (Agencies) — Declaring that the United States has made clear it intends to remain a Pacific power, U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said Monday that a substantial improvement in military capability and assets are necessary to counter the Soviets in the region.

He said the threat was increased as "the Soviet Union has embarked on an aggressive foreign policy which has taken a variety of forms in recent years, but which has as its central objective the extension of Soviet power throughout the world."

Weinberger cited the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and Moscow's "aggressive policy" in Poland, and said Soviet pressure in the Middle East is obvious from Iran to

Arab capital for regional growth urged

By Ahmad Khuro
Arab News Staff

TAIF, March 29 — A preparatory conference of the Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce has called for a freer flow of Arab investment funds harnessed to the vision of an integrated regional development. It urged a stop to the dispensing of largesse by Arab world as it depletes resources.

As a prelude to the main investors' conference slated for Tuesday, the meeting focused attention on the need to encourage investment as a hedge against security risks by virtue of funds being funnelled to regional projects.

It acknowledged that Arab cooperation in the field of investment had given a fillip to the movement toward integrating the economies of the Arab countries. Although the cooperation has taken a visible form in the creation of financial institutions, the flow of funds is still limited and takes place without a wider regional perspective.

The conference emphasized the role which the private sector can play at the regional and national levels in promoting investment and creating joint ventures. In this way, its role supplements the public sector's role in dispensing development funds.

However, the conference noted, the private sector can play a fuller role when there is freedom of movement for investors among Arab countries matched with a liberal flow of goods. It considered the creation of the Arab General Investments Company (based in Dubai) as an example of what the private sector can do in mobilizing resources and allocating them regionally and rationally.

The conference called upon Arab countries to evolve a strategy to achieve complementarity in agricultural produce. Considering the "alarming food gap" in the Arab world it urged governments to bridge it. It said the gap is likely to increase if serious measures are not adopted.

EEC turns focus on unemployment

BRUSSELS, March 29 (Agencies) — A two-day summit of European Common Market leaders began Monday with an appeal for serious discussion on how to fight unemployment. Belgium Prime Minister Wilfried Martens, chairman of the summit, has put the economic problems of the European Economic Community (EEC) — whose nearly 11 million unemployed make up 9.5 percent of its workforce — at the top of a crowded agenda of internal and foreign political issues.

As the 10 leaders assembled at EEC headquarters in Brussels for their first summit meeting of 1982, Martens told them that they should achieve more than just their customary exchange of views on the economy. Aside from internal EEC problems, the 10 leaders are scheduled to look at East-West relations in the aftermath of the Polish military crackdown, the Middle East and Central America.

The EEC leaders were also expected to touch briefly on the problem created by Britain's demands for rebates on its community membership bill, which it says is too high.

British officials said Prime Minister Mar-

garet Thatcher intended to make a statement to the summit on the issue, but a Belgian spokesman said Martens did not want to get involved in detailed discussions. France has opposed British demands for a long-term system of budget refunds, and a French spokesman said Monday that the French government still maintained this stand.

The EEC budget dispute is to be negotiated in details by community foreign ministers in Luxembourg on Saturday, after negotiations between agricultural ministers later this week on the related question of farm prices.

Proposals for a new European economic treaty marked Monday's celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Rome treaty which set up the EEC and Euratom. In the presence of King Baudouin, some 200 top officials along with the heads of state and government from the 10 EEC countries gathered here for the ceremony.

The president of the EEC Commission, Gaston Thorn, and the speaker of the European Parliament, Piet Dankert, expressed concern over snags currently encountered in the community.

China sets terms to Russia

PEKING, March 29 (AFP) — Chinese Defense Minister Geng Biao said Monday there could be no improvement in Sino-Soviet relations as long as Soviet troops stayed in Afghanistan and Vietnamese soldiers remained in Cambodia.

After holding a meeting with Geng, Swedish army Chief-of-staff Gen. Lenbart Ljung told journalists that the Chinese defense minister had cited withdrawal from Afghanistan and Cambodia as examples of "substantive actions" the Soviet Union should accomplish before hoping for normalization of Sino-Soviet relations.

Geng's remark follows last week's call from Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev to

China for normalization of relations between the two Socialist giants which quarrelled some 20 years ago.

A new China News Agency commentary on Brezhnev's speech said that in making overtures to Peking, Moscow was trying to exploit the current Sino-American dispute over Taiwan which was badly straining relations between China and the United States.

This was not the first time for a Soviet leader to make such "improvement" (on Sino-Soviet relations) remarks. But, so far people have not seen any substantive actions from the Soviet authorities in this respect", said a New China News Agency commentary on Brezhnev's proposal.

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Prince Fahd says in wide-ranging interview

Governmental, consultative system will be announced after new budget

RIYADH, March 29 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd has announced that the basic statute for government and consultative council (Shoura) system will be made public just two months after the publication of the new budget in July.

In an interview published by the Kuwait daily *Al-Siyassah* Monday, Prince Fahd said: "We favor consultation and collective participation in the responsibility and welcome the elite to help us in the adoption of a suitable resolution in the interest of this country and its people." He added that any ruler who believes that he alone is capable of taking decisions without consulting (anyone) is a conceited ruler.

The crown prince called upon those who speak about the Kingdom from a distance to come and see the natural channels for the utilization of natural resources in the form of thousands of development projects in every sphere in the country. He declared that the Kingdom put forward its peace plan with the aim of formulating a unified Arab ideology. The plan is still on the Arab summit agenda after it was declared as Arab plan at the Fez summit.

Prince Fahd hoped the oil glut crisis would end within two or three months, reiterating the Kingdom's policy of commitment to a balance between reasonable prices and adequate production ratios. He said it is important for the peoples of the Gulf and the Arabian peninsula to realize that they are a joint financial power. He lauded the strong cooperation existing among the Gulf Cooperation

Council member states which he said, is an eventual outcome of the absence of any ambitions of any Gulf state in another member state.

Prince Fahd said there are general Arab issues needing collective decisions, and there also are certain things which require time for solution. He added that the world had expected the Saudi-proposed eight-point peace plan would become the unanimous view of Arabs, but "some Arab brethren had a different opinion." When the matters got mixed up at Fez, "I called for the withdrawal of the Saudi plan but some (parties) wanted to keep it on the agenda, as it had become an Arab plan," the crown prince stated.

Referring to the advisory (Shoura) council, Prince Fahd observed that planning in some advanced dreams sometimes clashes with the actual confrontation of the realities, "especially when one wishes to achieve an advanced dream in a record time." This dream, he said, had occupied the mind of the

late King Faisal. It has actually delayed since the government announced an endorsement of this idea.

The time factor is not important in Saudi Arabia which has a society quite different from others. It is not only with abundant funds that the Kingdom realizes material progress; the Saudi society is now being through the development of the natural resources. "We thought that the view on the Shoura should be complete from the aspect of the Saudi society is now being built; the fact that anyone of us, as a ruler, does not deny the significance of consultation sharing responsibilities."

"We know the people want to preserve their natural resources and use them in proper channels — a fact which is clear from the declared budgets. Additionally, the people want political decisions to safeguard their entity and national sovereignty," he added.

On foreign rumors about the use of oil funds, the crown prince said that those who speak so about the Kingdom should come here to see the networks of expressways, the housing projects and the productive development plants. He stressed that Saudi Arabia is accustomed to working quietly, "so much so that some projects are known only when they are completed."

He said Saudi Arabia is the only country in the world which preserves part of the shares of productive companies and, after these companies begin earning profits, the shares are ceded in favor of workers who pay their actual, and not market, value in a phased period without interests. Besides, the state does a lot in the field of agriculture. The Kingdom now produces 400,000 tons of grains. While earlier, it used to produce 36,000 tons and import 600,000 tons annually.

Prince Fahd said that such people must visit Al-Kharj to see the latest techniques being used in agricultural production. People have so much interest in agriculture that graduates from higher institutes now work in agricultural and other projects, since they are profitable and supported by the government.



Crown Prince Fahd

"Although oil is a significant wealth, we must create our own productive capabilities", he said.

Speaking on the oil policy, Prince Fahd said: "We have limited production to seven million barrels a day, though the Kingdom's productive capacity is 11 million bpd." He added that the Kingdom's policy was to increase prices in reasonable proportion within a reasonable period of time, so that there could be no misunderstanding at the world level which brings serious consequences for the producer or the consumer. Naturally, consumers want to safeguard their interests and, therefore, fight for the reduction in consumption. "The consumer has been gripped with a fear that the prices will continue to rise, and such a thing would naturally influence the economic studies of the productive projects in the industrialized nations," he added.

Prince Fahd said: "We did not exploit the opportunities. We rejected the offers by companies dealing with Arab oil-producing states, and asked them to return to the countries with which they were dealing." Saudi Arabia took into consideration the fact that oil is important for both the producer and the consumer and that the relation must be guided by a measure of sense and reason while fixing prices, he said.

"As we do not want any harm to our interests, others too do not want any damage to their interests. However, according to the estimates of four experts, the crisis of oil glut is expected to be over within two or three months."

On the Gulf Cooperation Council, he said: "I was always in favor of linking the people's interests economically in the beginning. This is what consequently brings about the desired political form." He added that the Kingdom has 3,000 productive projects and 800 others under way.

"Nothing prevents these projects from

becoming the property of the citizens of the GCC member states. Saudi Arabia's agricultural projects have produced tangible results which can create a state of food self-sufficiency in some products for the member states as well. What is important is the fact that the Gulf and Arabian peninsula peoples should realize that they are a joint financial power with mutual interest," he said.

Answering a question on the Cancun conference, Prince Fahd said Saudi Arabia was invited to the meeting and those who did so knew the country's role at the international level. "I was happy to attend the meeting for several reasons, most significant of which was a sense that I explained those figures which could not have been presented if Saudi Arabia had not attended the conference. As Arabs, it is our right to correct wrong information about ourselves."

Prince Fahd said he will pay a visit to Kuwait not only to meet with officials but to see the new generation. "I know that this generation wants to know from a close quarter about the political thinking of Saudi Arabia. I met with some university youth in the Kingdom, and I was very happy with a direct dialogue with them," he said.

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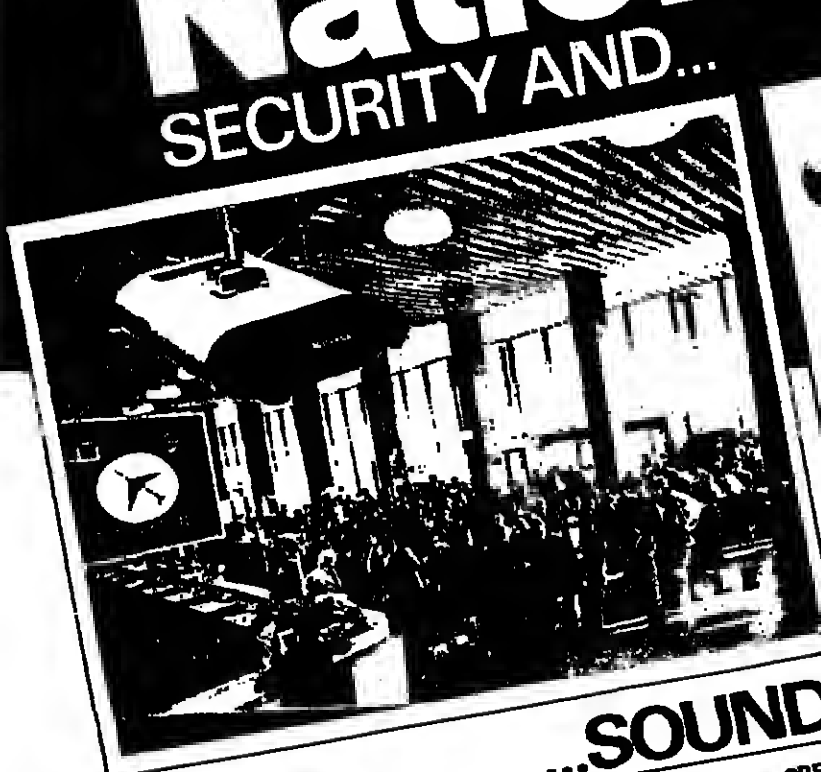
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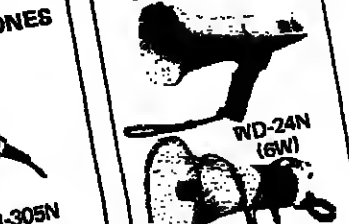
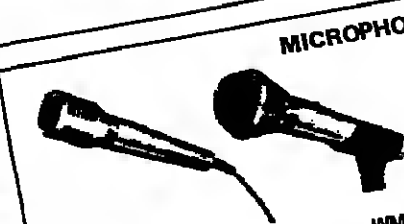
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SR421m electricity contracts signed

RIYADH, March 29 (SPA) — Two contracts, worth SR421.4 million, were awarded Monday to national and foreign firms for electricity projects in Najran and Jof.

Turkish fair to be held

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 29 — Turkey '82, an exhibition of the country's export products, will be held in Jeddah April 23 to May 1. The fair will demonstrate products of about 160 Turkish companies taking part. Display will range from construction materials and services to textiles, through foodstuff, furniture, home appliances and electrical and communications equipment.

The fair is to be held at Jeddah International Expo Center.

The contracts were signed by Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer in his capacity as acting industry and electricity minister and chairman of the general electricity corporation.

One contract, worth SR118.9 million and won by the national firm, is the third and last of the main contracts for the Najran Central Electricity Project. It provides for import and installation of dual-circuit, 132-kilovolt aerial transmission line. The total length of the cables involved will be 36 kilometers, in addition to four transmission stations at 138/132 kilovolt tension. The stations' capacities will vary from 20 to 40 megavolt ampere. The project is to be completed within 25 months from the date of signing the contract.

Meanwhile, the second contract, valued at SR302.3 million, provides for supply and

installation of five gas-powered turbine units with an overall productive capacity of 125 megawatt for Jof Central Electricity Project. The contract, to be implemented by a foreign company, also includes necessary buildings for the project with all facilities.

This provides for an administrative offices' building, a technical training center, a library, a clinic, a mosque, warehouses, fuel tanks, and parking lots. Completion is scheduled for 23.5 months from the date of signing the contract.

The Saudi Petrochemical Company (Petrokem) has signed contracts for the construction and overall management and engineering procurement of its £500 million petro-chemical complex. The deal was signed with Foster-Wheeler Energy and Foster-Wheeler of Saudi Arabia.

Industry prize giving delayed

RIYADH, March 29 (SPA) — The awarding of King Khaled prize for the ideal industry and the Industry and Electricity Ministry's prizes for maintenance and safety has been delayed, a senior official of the ministry announced Monday.

Dr. Fuad Al-Farsi, deputy industry and electricity minister, said that the ceremony which was scheduled for Sunday under the

auspices of Riyadh Governor Prince Salman has been delayed to a later date.

About 50 national plants are competing for the prizes which are given in the form of gold and silver shields. The annual event, which began in 1977, is planned to encourage industries achieve higher standards in performance and production.

Noted engineer of Bangladesh expires here

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 29 — A world renowned Bangladeshi engineer Fazl Rahman Khan died here of a heart attack Sunday according to Bangladesh embassy sources.

Khan 52, lived in the U.S. for many years and came to the Kingdom on behalf of his company, Skidmore Owning & Merrill, which helped in designing the Hajj terminal at King Abdul Aziz International Airport.

Khan whose name is featured in the Encyclopedia Britannica as an acknowledged leader in his field developed revolutionary techniques used in building the world's tallest buildings including the 110-storey Chicago Sears Tower.

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Maghreb (Sunset)	6:36	6:38	6:09	5:56	6:21	6:51
Isha (Night)	8:06	8:08	7:39	7:26	7:51	8:21

BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — A lecture on Islamic economy science will be organized Tuesday evening by Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University's cultural committee. The lecture will be delivered by Dr. Muhammad Uos Al-Zarqa, a staff member of Jeddah's Abdul Aziz university and the international Islamic economic research center.

ALKHOBAR (SPA) — The Gulf Girl Welfare Society of Alkhobar is currently engaged in organizing training sessions for female teachers and women here. The courses, part of the society's programs for this year, include a session for kindergarten teachers for which 10 women have been enrolled.

DAMMAM (SPA) — An art exhibition will be organized here April 18 by the Eastern Province Education Directorate General.

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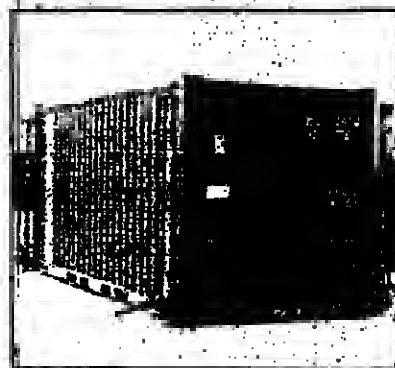
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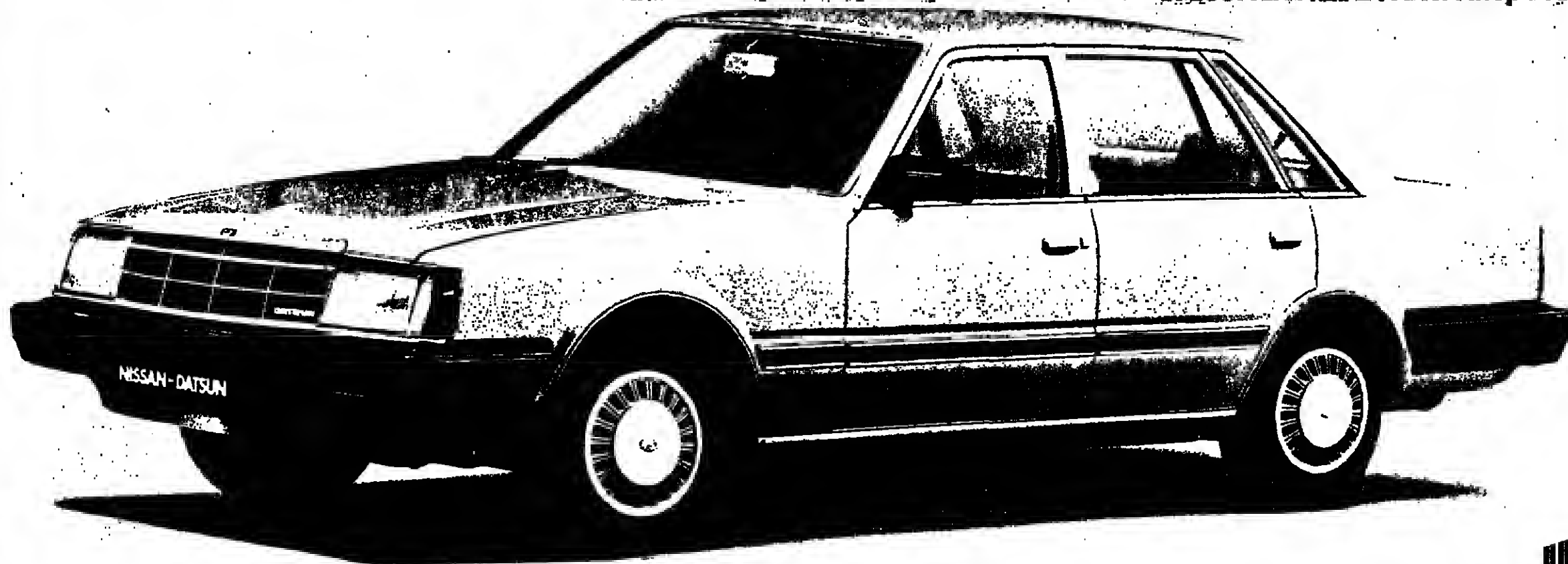
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Arab foreign ministers ponder W. Bank today

TUNIS, March 29 (AFP) — Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi said Monday recent turmoil on the Israeli-occupied West Bank was perhaps "the eve of events which could threaten equilibrium in the Middle East."

Arab League foreign ministers will hold a special meeting here Tuesday to discuss the West Bank, where Palestinians and Israeli authorities have been clashing for the past month.

In an interview with AFP here, Klibi said Arab foreign ministers felt "The Palestinian combat in the occupied territories is entering

Pakistan raps Israel for W. Bank terror

ISLAMABAD, March 29 (R) — Pakistan Monday condemned what it called an escalation of the Israeli "reign of terror" in the occupied West Bank.

A government statement said the paramount responsibility of the world community was to restrain Israel from "perpetuating its dangerous policies which constitute a grave threat to world peace and security." "In this hour of trial, the people of Pakistan, as always, stand steadfast with their Palestinian brethren who are the main victims of these criminal acts of Israel," the statement said.

The Pakistani statement said the present situation in the West Bank was the direct consequence of what it called Israel's illegal actions to consolidate its occupation.

Ben Bella speech leads to clashes

BELFORT, France, March 29 (AP) — Several persons were injured Sunday night when former Algerian President Ahmad Ben Bella tried to speak in a group of Algerian workers in this eastern French city, police said.

Some 400 supporters and opponents of Ben Bella started shouting at each other and then began fighting with iron bars before police arrived to restore order. Ben Bella, Algeria's first president after independence from France, managed a few words before abandoning his speech.

He denounced the government of President Chadli Benjedid in Algiers saying it was corrupt and charged Algerian industry existed only to satisfy foreign needs. His opponents came from an organization of

Indian statement annoys Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, March 29 (AP) — The Pakistani government Monday deplored a statement allegedly made here by departing Indian Ambassador Natwar Singh and called on the Indian government to help remove tensions in this region.

A foreign spokesman said Singh had shown "insensitivity to the feelings of the people of Pakistan" in his alleged statements to the English language daily *Muslim* of Islamabad. Singh was quoted as saying that Pakistan should cut down its armed forces to half because it has become smaller in size after the separation of a former East Pakistan province — now independent Bangladesh.

The Pakistani spokesman said, "It is Pakistan's exclusive right to determine the size of its armed forces and it will take whatever decision are deemed necessary in its national

a new phase" and "we are all convinced this is the beginning of an uprising which could be general and last a long time." "Events can no longer be stopped" and "one must become aware of this in Europe and in America," Klibi said.

The secretary general said he appealed to the European summit in Brussels to do something "rapidly" since "no one can tell how a popular movement will grow" and "we are convinced (the summit) can contribute to a settlement acceptable to everyone." He said it would be a mistake to "minimize the dangers, to minimize the mobilization taking place among Arab masses."

He said the Arab foreign ministers meeting would decide on "moral aid so that those who fight against the Israelis know: the entire Arab world is behind them, and material aid since firm, durable and meaningful support must be given to them from all the Arab people." "It is not possible for Arab states to stay quiet while severe repression is keeping the occupied territories down," Klibi said.

"How far the solidarity of Arab countries with the Palestinian struggle will go, no one can say. But above all one can say (this support) will not have its consequences," Klibi added.

He also said he would be greeting representatives from ten European countries here Monday to ask Europe "to take an active position faced with the Palestinian drama and not only to say what is right but to contribute to beginning a just, durable and overall peace process which would lead to order and stability in this region of the world."

Algerian workers that supports the government. They called Ben Bella an "opportunist who speaks of Islam but who forgets Algeria is not Iran."

Ben Bella, a revolutionary leader who formed Algeria's first regular government a year after independence from France in 1962, was overthrown in a coup led by Col. Houari Boumedienne in June 1965 and imprisoned for 14 years until Benjedid freed him in July 1979 after Boumedienne died and he took over as president. Ben Bella settled in France last year.

In an interview with the newspaper *Alsace*, Ben Bella did not rule out a return to power saying "I am not after power but if I became president again it would be to create a new situation and for a provisional period."

interest, without unsolicited advice from others." The spokesman said, "Pakistan does not question India's right to determine the size and nature of its own armed forces in spite of the fact India's military might is being rapidly augmented."

Singh has been named to serve as permanent secretary in the Indian External Affairs Ministry. In that capacity, he will be responsible for Indo-Pakistan relations. Discussing the future of accession of the state of Jammu and Kashmir, in dispute between India and Pakistan since 1947, the Pakistani spokesman said "The Kashmir dispute exists and has to be resolved." He added, "It is not a closed issue."

The spokesman expressed the hope that Islamabad's "desire for elimination of tension will be reciprocated by India."

Afghan fighters establish postal system

PARIS, March 29 (AFP) — An Afghan rebel group has created a postal service between the southern region of Wardak and foreign countries, according to a letter received here from the group.

The organization, which calls itself the Military Command of the Province of Free Wardak, sent the letter with a green, white and gold stamp, with lettering in Farsi, Arabic and French. It was postmarked in Peshawar, Pakistan, and addressed to AFP in Paris.

The letter, signed by Muhammad Amin Wardak, military head of the group, said the postal service was set up to contest the legitimacy of the Afghan government. "It is an historic event, because it is the first time Mujahadeen stamps have existed," Wardak said in the letter. "It proves our sovereignty."

Wardak also called for Afghanistan's exclusion from the Universal Postal Union, and its replacement by a "delegation of the postal administration of free Afghanistan."

The first stamp of the "Wardak Free Post," as the service is called, was issued Dec. 27, the second anniversary of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, the letter said.

Teachers boycott classes in Sind

KARACHI, March 29 (R) — Several thousand teachers boycotted classes in Pakistan's Sind province Sunday to protest against the police use of tear gas and baton charges at rallies by teachers earlier this month, a teachers' association spokesman said.

He said teachers at colleges and schools went on strike for two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening.

The earlier rallies were held in Punjab and North-West Frontier Provinces in defiance of the military government's ban on public gatherings. Teachers in the two provinces have been on strike since early this month to press their demand for higher wages.

Jordan official denied entry visa by Syria

AMMAN, March 29 (AP) — Jordan Sunday charged Syria refused to allow a Jordanian official permission to visit Syria to attend the funeral of a prominent Druze leader, according to official sources here.

The sources, who declined to be identified in accordance with government rules, said an official Jordanian request to Syria to allow the Jordanian official, who was not named, to attend the funeral of Sultan Pasha Al-Atrash, was rejected.

Al-Atrash, a prominent Druze leader and a nationalist political activist, was expelled from Syria in the early 1950s and sought asylum in Jordan. He later returned to Syria where he died two days ago.

Syria and Jordan have been at odds following charges by Syria that Jordan is supporting Syrian Islamic extremists. Jordan earlier this year accused Syria of being behind a string of bombings in Amman and expelled a Syrian diplomat from the Jordanian capital. Syria later pulled out its diplomats from Jordan which reciprocated by recalling its diplomats in Damascus.

UAE envoy leaves Lebanese capital

BEIRUT, March 29 (AFP) — The ambassador from the United Arab Emirates left the Lebanese capital unexpectedly Monday in the latest of a series of hurried departures by foreign diplomats stationed here.

Reliable sources said three other U.A.E. diplomats had already left the country and only local employees were now operating the embassy. As in other recent departures, the Lebanese Foreign Ministry was not notified that the U.A.E. ambassador was leaving.

In recent weeks, diplomats from Kuwait, Jordan and Bahrain have also left Beirut. The Jordanian embassy here, for example, no longer has anyone on hand to grant visa requests.

Haig hopes Sinai pullout will lead to autonomy progress

WASHINGTON, March 29 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said Sunday Israel's final withdrawal from the Sinai next month should open the way to progress in the talks over Palestinian autonomy.

Speaking in a television interview, Haig also said he did not believe Israel's recent actions in the occupied West Bank, including the dismissal of three Arab mayors, was a move toward annexation of the area. He added that Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin had pledged to honor provisions of the Camp David accords, setting a period of five years to resolve the status of the West Bank and Gaza.

"I'm optimistic that they will be as good as their word, as they will be with the return of the Sinai scheduled for the month of April," Haig said. Israel is due to complete its withdrawal from the Sinai April 25. An international peacekeeping force, including contingents from the United States and Western

Europe, will patrol the area after the Israeli withdrawal.

The Israeli-Egyptian talks over autonomy for Palestinians living in occupied areas have been deadlocked for more than two years. Haig said relinquishing the Sinai was "very traumatic" for Israel because the territory had been considered a strategic buffer. The withdrawal also had meant uprooting settlers who had lived there for some time.

Velayati to visit Pakistan

BEIRUT, March 29 (AP) — Iran's foreign minister Ali-Akbar Velayati will begin a four-day visit Tuesday to Pakistan, Tehran radio reported Monday.

The state-run radio said Velayati will head high-ranking delegation and will hold talks with Pakistani leaders on ways of "developing political, economic and cultural relations between the two countries."

Three killed as militias clash in Sidon

BEIRUT, March 29 (AP) — Three militiamen were killed and nine others wounded in two days of street clashes between rival militias in the Lebanese port city of Sidon, the state radio reported Monday.

The radio said the clashes, which pitted a Palestinian group, the Palestine Struggle Front, against a local nationalist group, erupted Sunday afternoon over a dispute on parking priorities. It said fighting with all types of weapons was resumed Monday and spread to all parts of Sidon which lies 40 kms south of Beirut.

The radio also reported a bomb exploded in a restaurant in the Palestinian-controlled port city of Tyre, 40 kms south of Sidon, causing no casualties.

Meanwhile, Israeli jets broke the sound barrier over Beirut at midday, the state radio said.

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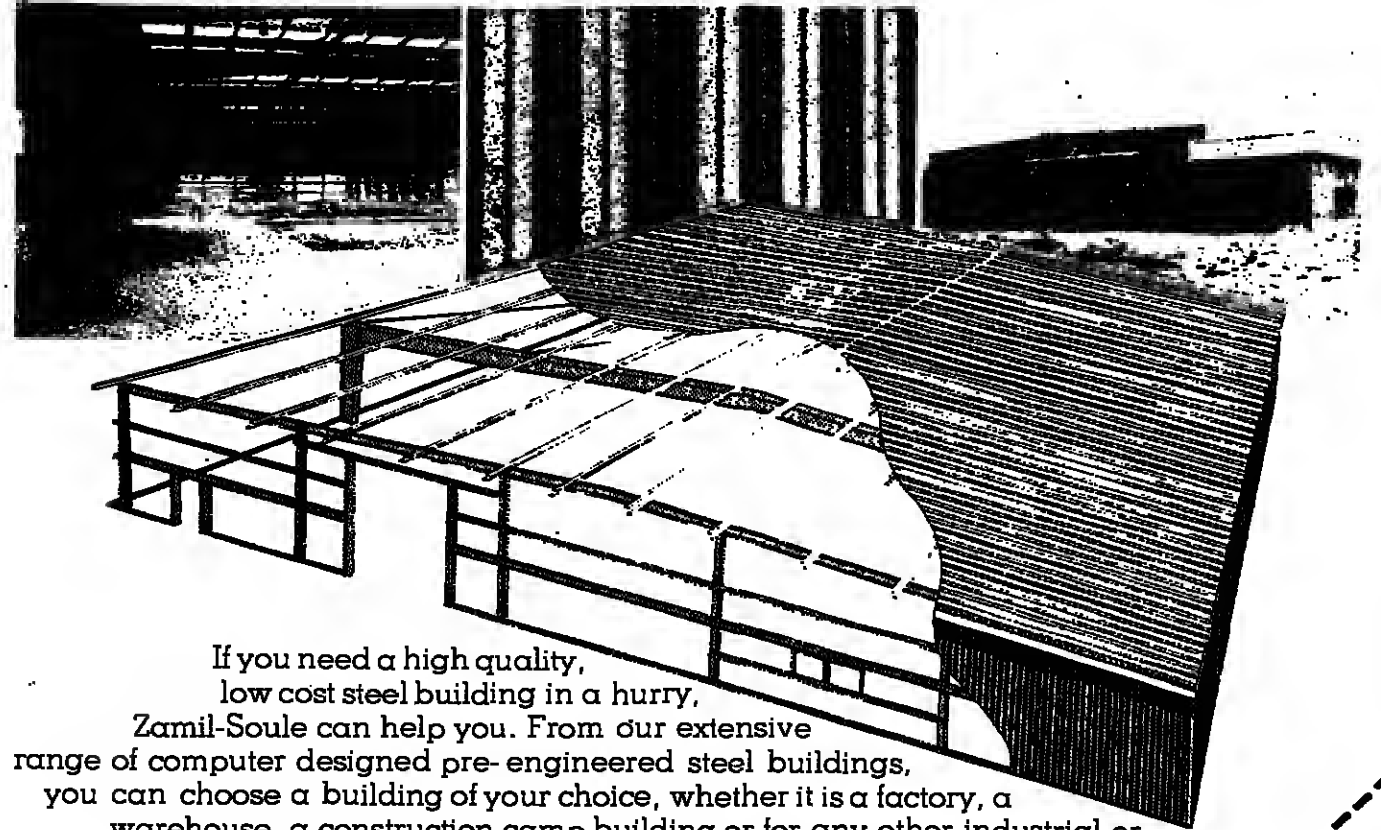
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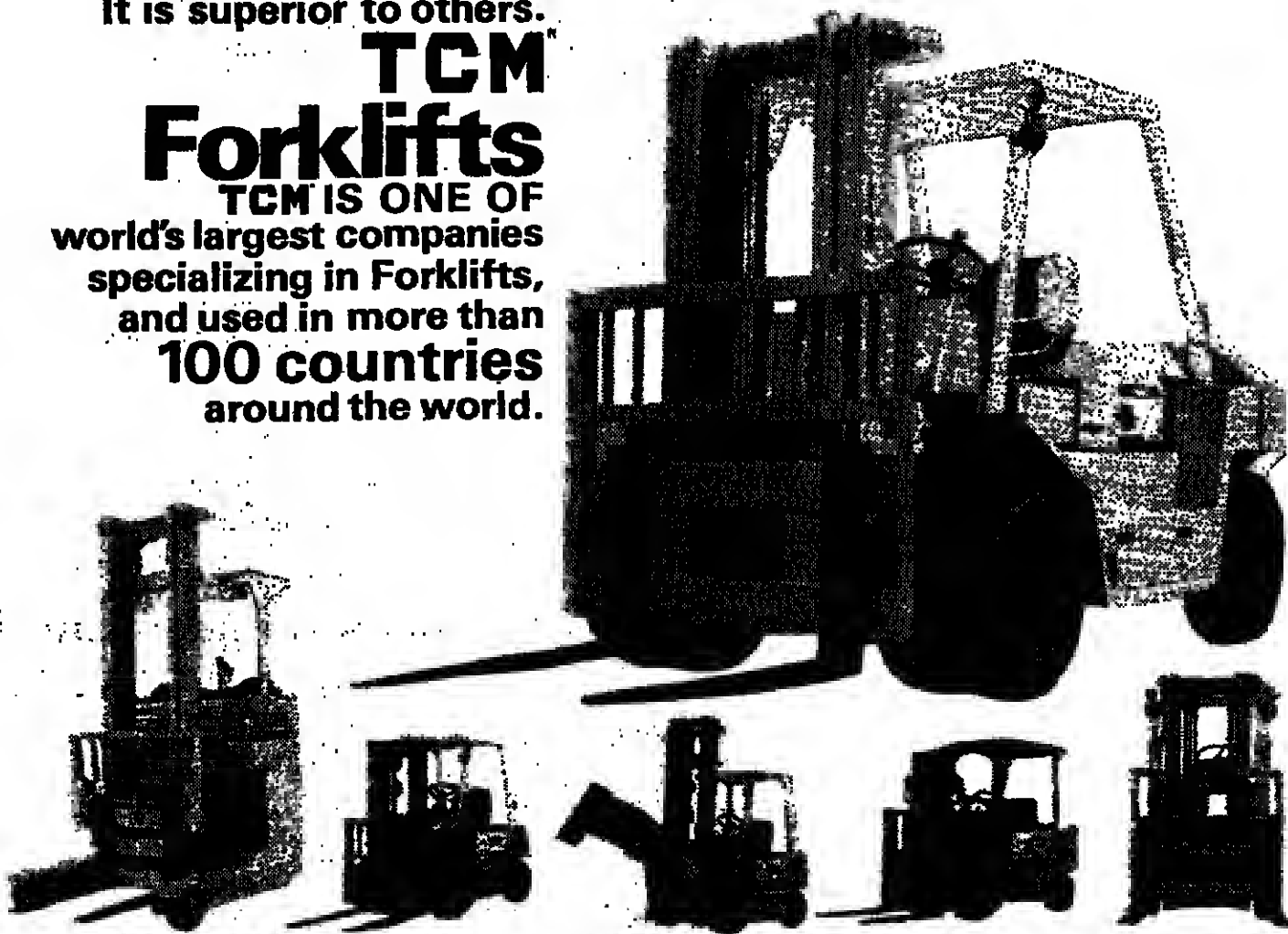
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OATIF MARKET SCENES: Several merchants selling their wares at the Thursday market. Left, the shisha booth sells several different modes and several types of tobacco are also available nearby. Right, a pet cat hops into a woven basket at a booth selling baskets and woven rugs.

Saudi Arabian hawkers have their own character

Qatif town market is a microcosm of the hurly burly and excitement

By Jean Grant
Alkhorbar Bureau

QATIF—To borrow from Samuel Johnson's opinion of London, whoever is tired of Qatif's Thursday market, may very well be tired of life itself, for there is in the Qatif market much that life can afford. This small-town market is a microcosm of the hurly-burly and excitement of daily life with the traditional cries of hawkers, the dazzling array of good from far places, congestion, and the jostling and baggling as the curious crowd around the stalls.

Local markets are still a feature of European life, but in America they have meekly accepted a death warrant meted out to them by the rise of gigantic supermarkets. The American marketplace no longer wears a human face: agents, brokers, warehouses, wholesalers, and retailers have taken over. You can't pinch the tomatoes or sniff the meat; thanks (but no thanks) to plastic wrap. You don't pay hard cash in a credit card society. You needn't breathe a word to a soul as you silently load up your cart in the lonely crowd of consumers. Shopping is an anonymous and depersonalized activity. Despite the claim of the hit tune, "Down-town," you're not likely to forget all your troubles, forget all your cares, in department store or supermarket.

You just might, however, at a local Saudi

Arabian market. Although supermarkets are encroaching on the marketplace in Alkhorbar and Dammam, the Thursday Market is still alive and kicking in Qatif. Americans who don't know the joys and frustrations of this market shopping often first meet them here. Some get hooked and mark every Thursday as a red-letter day on their calendars.

At the Qatif market, there are no discouraging "Fixed Price" signs. The raw reality of the marketplace prevails: the lower the price, the more baskets the basket lady can sell. Smiles are part of the hard sell. There is time in the bargaining to share stray thoughts and fancies. The bright sunshine of the open-air souq warms the encounter between seller and buyer.

The bourgeois magnates are absent in the market which has a strong working class base. Labor costs are still low enough to compete with self-service. Many who live in the tri-city area of Dammam, Al-Khorbar and Dhahran shop here to save riyals. Saudi Arabians shop for fruits and vegetables, fresher here than in the supermarkets; old-timers among the expatriates join them, but newcomers to Arabia are generally out to buy local crafts: the weavings and basketry for which Qatif is famous.

By 8 a.m. on Thursday, half a dozen women have already settled comfortably

under the shaded arcades conveniently located near the municipal parking lot. They huddle over brightly tasseled camel bags and Bedouin carpets. Some of these weavings are somber in color, using the natural browns and blacks of goat and camel hair; others are vibrant with reds and oranges. All have stripes and geometric designs.

The work these women are selling is not that of some faceless stranger, but the work of their own bennaded hands. As one weaver smoothed out a strip of carpet, she pointed out how even it was.

This Bedouin handweaving is one of the most developed art forms in the country. It is currently more admired by Western expatriates than by Saudi Arabians themselves. Yet as they notice Western appreciation of this craft, Saudi Arabians may take a second, more appreciative look at this native craft while it still flourishes. Tourism, at the same time, threatens the authenticity of the weavings. Camel saddles are more sought after than carpets since buyers know they will provide a conversation piece in an American home. Consequently, prices for camel saddles are very high in the Qatif market. One weaver had even sewn up the two ends of a carpet to make it look more like a camel saddle. Prices generally have surged in the past few years.

There may be running out for this traditional craft. Most of these weavers, who are now in their forties, have tried to pass on their skills to daughters just as their mothers taught them. Their daughters and granddaughters, however, prefer the sewing machine to the handloom. Sewing on an electric machine is fast, easy, and light work. Weaving on a hand loom is not.

There is a lot of work to be done before the first shuttle flies on the loom. After the sheep or camel is sheared, the women wash the wool and spin small quantities of it at a time. They twist two skeins to make them double-ply; then they dye the wool. Buyers should beware: since many dyes are not color-fast, such Bedouin weavings should be dry-cleaned rather than washed.

Weaving — which is easier on sand than on concrete — requires strength and dexterity. The woman sits astride the loom to weave: the width of the loom is whatever a comfortable arm span is for the weaver. This, incidentally, accounts for the similarity in width of weavings. The length, on the other hand, changes according to the size of the item to be woven.

When Aramcons, Northrup, and UPM people are not after weavings, they are off to find the basket song. It is located about a kilometer away at the end of the large clothing and novelties souq. The palm leaves

from which the baskets are plaited come from the local date palms and the baskets retain the sweet smell of nature.

The women soak the leaves so that they will be pliable and not break when woven into baskets. Like weaving, basketry is a craft solely in the hands of women. Last Thursday, the buyers were also women: as with carpets, it is mainly expatriates who do the buying. One involved in last minute shopping before repatriation wanted to cart these baskets halfway across the globe to hold logs for crackling fires; another wanted a couple for magazine holders.

Although the day was cool, the woman doing the brisk business was the one who had cornered the market on fans. These six-inch squares in a lattice design are gaily checkered in green, henna, and magenta. Woven round a stick, they cheer the eye and cool the brow: a bargain at SR 2 apiece.

While at one end of the souq, expatriates were bargaining for baskets, at the other end, Saudi Arabians were buying shishas, the water pipes nicknamed hubbly-bubblics. These were sensibly located next to the stalls of the tobacco-leaf sellers, where the flat brown, withered leaves, stacked in hundreds of bunches, filled the air with an alluring aroma.

Little wonder that a popular men's col-

ogne is named TABAC. The dealers weighed, balanced and then handed over the fragrant sheaves — SR40 for the Yemeni, SR50 for the Omani tobacco. Once you have your tobacco, nothing will do but to get a shisha in which to smoke it. These in Qatif are of two types: the first has a pottery base with a gaily-striped pipe poking out of a hole halfway up the pot. Another pipe sticks out of the opening at the top of the pot. The other design comes from Bahrain. Its base is a gourd with simple undecorated wooden pipes connected to it. Merchant Abdul Habib Hassan Janabi sang its praises. "This shisha speaks Hindi as well as English and French," he claimed. "It is the best."

Sooner or later at market, hunger strikes. The Qatiftis see to it that no one need go home for a bite before completing his business. There was *Fellafel* spicy, deep fried Egyptian beans; the pretzel-shaped caramelized confection called *Zalabiah* for the shopper with a sweet tooth; and fresh coconut backed open on the spot for the health food addict.

"To market, to market..." goes the children's journey rhyme. "Home again, home again, jiggedy jig," it finishes. "Jiggedy jig" is just the right note of abandon and gaiety that Qatif Market offers the carefree shopper.

Injured youth prodded as Kansas neighbors help with his therapy

By Charles Hillinger

SHALLOW WATER, Kan. — As the high school band struck up the Beavers' fight song, basketball players carried the limp form of Bob Vulgamore, 18, across the gym floor. They handed their former teammate to a half girl in the rooting section.

"Hi, Bob," the shouts rang through the gym as everyone rose to their feet to welcome the young man, by now propped up by the rooters into a sitting position.

Cheerleaders jumped up and down, waving blue and white pompoms, yelling: "Yeah Bob Yeah Bob."

Bob Vulgamore gets the same enthusiastic reception every time he is carried into the stands at Scott Community High School stadium for a rodeo, track meet or football game — teams he also played on before he fell from his horse, Dusty, on March 9, 1980.

Last spring the high school's junior-senior prom was dedicated to Bob Vulgamore. And Bob was there, in a new suit, seated in a special chair of honor. Throughout the evening his classmates stopped by to talk to him, filling him in with the latest news and gossip.

On Saturday nights, girlfriends carry Bob from his farmhouse, sit him up in their car, then drive off to Scott City, the county seat, to "drag main" — the time-honored high school tradition of driving bumper-to-bumper back and forth through the small town.

No one, however, is certain how much awareness the 6-foot-3 youth has for what is going on around him.

He is unable to talk, unable to respond or communicate in any way. He was in a coma for 220 days after his fall and has been in a semi-conscious state with brain damage ever since.

But Bob's parents, farmers Clara and Earl Vulgamore of Shallow Water, population 110, and the 6,000 people of rural Scott County on the plains of western Kansas hope that he will eventually recover through an intensified seven-day-a-week therapy program and through letting him be part of what would have been his normal activities.

For the last 18 months, since August, 1980, 175 residents of Shallow Water, Scott City, Friend and Pence, tiny towns in Scott County, have come to the Vulgamore home every week to help Bob win his battle for a normal life.

They are members of "Bob's team" — his volunteer therapists.

Many are farmers, like the Vulgamores, although there are also ministers, bankers, merchants, teachers, coaches, nurses, policemen, classmates, neighbors, boys and girls in their teens and men and women as old as their 70s. And they are all of the same resolve: To keep coming to the Vulgamore farmhouse to provide Bob with therapy no matter how many months or years his recovery may take.

The 175 volunteers make up Bob's "patterning" teams — five members to a team.

Five different teams a day, 35 different teams a week come to the farmhouse 365 days of the year.

They have come in good weather and bad, in thunderstorms, hailstorms, blizzards and tornado warnings.

Each five-member team spends an hour manipulating Bob's arms, hands, legs, feet, head and the rest of his body in a precisely structured routine.

Team members count aloud or rattle off the alphabet as they put Bob through the rigorous patterns of exercises:

"Tendons flex, knee-elbow bends. Knees to shoulders. Sit him up. Rotate hips. One leg up. Other down. one arm up. Other down. Head back and forth. Roll his body up and down the length of the therapy table. Stand him up."

"Suspend him from a hoist and spin him upside down. One direction, then another."

Five hours each day the therapy is performed, seven days a week.

"When we first started his arms, legs, hands and feet were so stiff we could not bend them," recalled housewife Sharon Strecker, 41.

Today, his body is in excellent physical condition.

He was in a coma when the patterning therapy began 18 months ago.

"Bob's eyes were blank when he came out of the coma. There was no tracking with his eyes at first. Now he follows us around the room," said Nadine Gies, 53, a member of the Scott County ambulance crew.

Aegidia Werth, 65, of Kansas Newman College in Wichita prescribed the therapy. She visits the Vulgamore farm at least once a month, sometimes staying as long as a week. "I see progress every time I visit Bob. I think he knows what's going on. He is much more alert all the time. This week, for the first time, he nodded his head on command," she said.

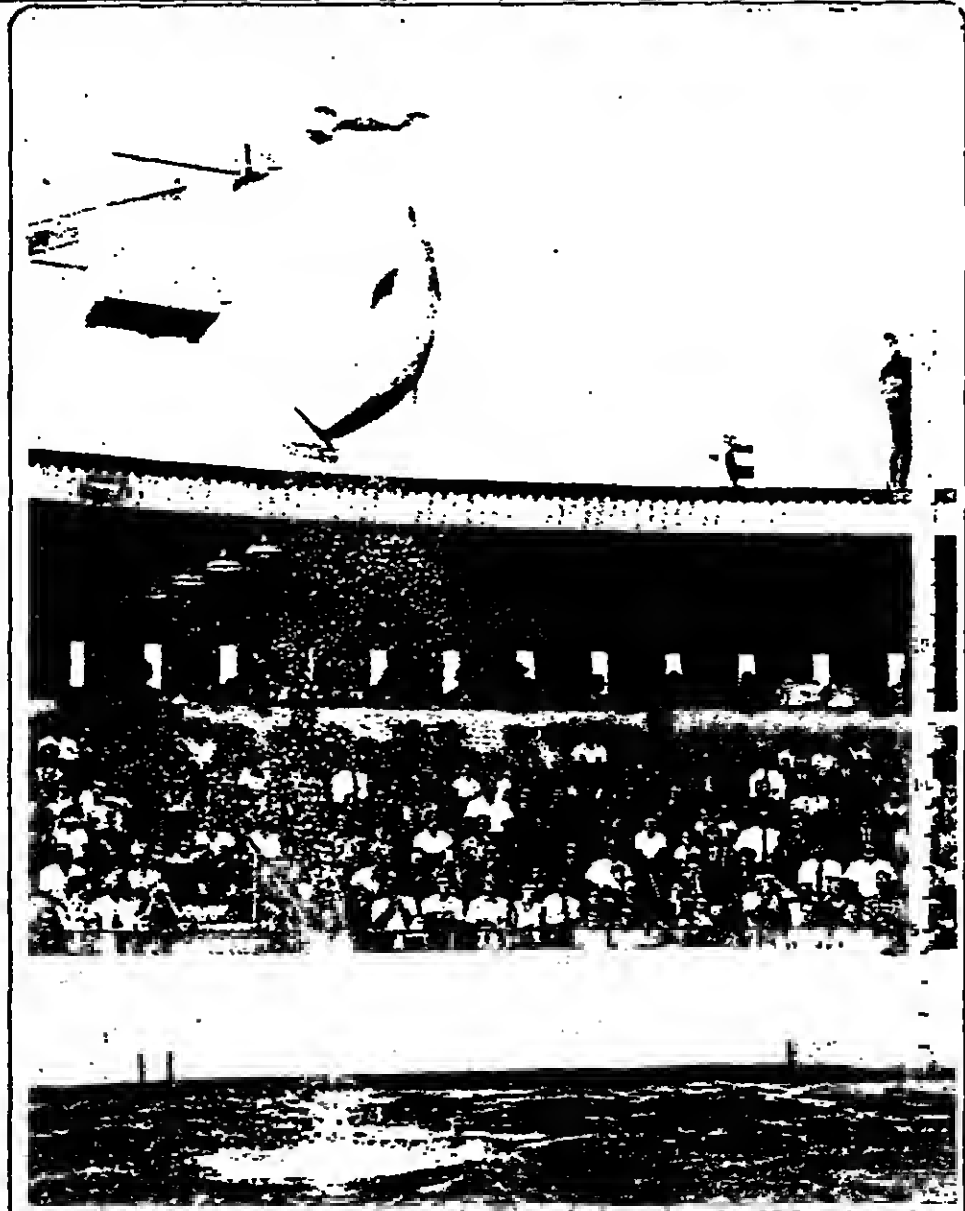
"We're working on the premise that, by movement and stimulating of the body and senses, repeated often enough, it's possible to program that part of the brain not damaged, to take over the function of the brain cells that were destroyed. There are millions of brain cells to work with. But it's a very gradual process."

Aegidia Werth will not predict the time needed. "I originally asked the people of Scott County for a two-year commitment. Now I'm asking for at least three more."

She has been assured by the volunteers that they will stick with the therapy program as long as it takes.

"I've seen worse than Bob come back and walk again, come back and be able to take care of themselves, become self-supporting individuals," she insisted.

She follows a therapy system for brain damage first developed 36 years ago by Glenn Doman, a physical therapist from Temple University who later established the Institutes for Achievement of Human Poten-



HIGHEST LEAP: This porpoise named Spotty is shown jumping 25 feet above the surface of the water at the Aquarium in St. Petersburg, Florida. The jump is believed to be the world's highest recorded jump for a porpoise.

ial in Philadelphia.

Aegidia Werth, who, like the people of Scott County, volunteers her services, in the last 15 years has helped 14 persons with severe brain damage live better with the patterning system. But she said she has never seen anything like the dedication of the people of Scott County for young Bob Vulgamore.

Pauline Koch, 63, a farmer's wife and one of the volunteer therapists, said while working on Bob: "It's enough to make you cry, knowing what this kid was in his prime. What we're doing sure does a lot of good for us, for the entire community. It's a blessing in our lives to be able to help and see the progress Bob is making. It makes each of us feel like we're a more useful person."

Earl Vulgamore, 59, and his wife have lived their entire lives in Scott County, where they grow wheat, corn and milo and run cattle.

"Bob was roping calves in the arena he built out back," Vulgamore recalled. "His mother was in the kitchen. I was away and drove up the drive and saw Dusty, his horse, standing by the back door of the house."

"We went looking for Bob. He had to have been thrown from the horse no more than 30

minutes when we found him lying on the ground unconscious..."

Bob was rushed to St. Joseph's hospital in Wichita, Kan., where he stayed 149 days, in a coma. His mother and father stayed at the hospital all that time. His mother and father stayed at the hospital all that time. His brother, Larry, 33, ran the farm.

Then Bob was flown to the International Coma Recovery Institute in Mineola, N.Y., for surgery to tap fluids in his brain and remove pressure. Three weeks later he came home, where he has been ever since.

When the therapy teams, speech therapists, Aegidia Werth and others are not working with Bob, his family is. His mother takes him to a spa and swimming pool at the athletic club in Scott City three days a week where volunteers give him water therapy.

His father takes him out on a tractor to feed the cattle and on farm equipment when wheat is harvested.

Bob's cousin, George Estes, 25, takes Bob for rides on Bob's horse, Dusty, the horse that threw him. "We've put Bob's face up to Dusty's face. He doesn't like it. He rebels at that horse. We're told reactions like this are good therapy for him."

Death of Marseilles official results in French election turmoil

By Charles Bremner

PARIS (R) — Medical and ballistic experts are investigating the death of a senior French civil servant whose apparent suicide recently sparked a political row on the eve of nationwide voting for local councils.

Albert Vialatte, public prosecutor of the Mediterranean city of Marseilles, launched the inquiry after newspapers revealed police reports that civil servant Rene Lucet, 38, died from two rather than the bullet wound to the head. The body was exhumed for examination.

Lucet, who had built up a reputation as a brilliant but unorthodox and anti-union administrator, died in the early hours of March 4. Police said he shot himself.

Several days earlier, Nicole Questiaux, minister for national solidarity in the Socialist government, had fired him from his job as head of the Marseilles region social security fund.

The government said there were irregularities in Lucet's management of the fund, the biggest financial operation in the region, but the right-wing RPR and UDF parties said he was the victim of a political witchhunt.

The "Lucet affair" blew into an issue in the campaign for polling as opposition figures traded charges with government ministers and the national press devoted columns to the dead civil servant.

He was reported to have played opera through loudspeakers to drown out union meetings and to have distributed political newsletters to his employees.

Hunger, malnutrition are forecast for Africa in 80s

NAIROBI (AFP) — Hunger and malnutrition can be expected to become far more widespread in Africa in the 1980's, mainly because of lack of aid in agricultural production and poor coordination among international donor agencies, according to a report of the World Food Council.

WFC Executive Director Maurice J. Williams said that the threat of greater hunger and malnutrition came in a region where "mortality rates are already among the highest in the world."

"Decline in food production per person was 7 percent in the 1960's, accelerating downwards with a decline of 15 percent in the 1970's. Preliminary estimates point to further deterioration in the 1980's," Williams said.

He noted that per capita food consumption "is 10 percent less today than it was a decade ago — in spite of a doubling of grain imports in the 1970's to 11 million tons."

Williams report was submitted to the representative of 10 African states.

The World Food Council, set up by the United Nations General Assembly in 1974 in response to a crisis in world food production, aims at encouraging governments, and the

The government sought to play down the affair, which was developing characteristics of the type of scandal recurrent in French political history, particularly since its setting was Marseilles, renowned for its powerful underworld.

In a tough election speech in Marseilles, Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy attacked leaders for using the Lucet and other affairs as political propaganda.

The Marseilles prosecutor's office confirmed that there was a conflict between the police and the pathologists' reports on the shooting.

Mrs. Lucet said it took place after her husband sent her out of the bedroom for a glass of water following a sleepless night.

The pathologists said the presence of two bullets, one of which remained in Lucet's head while the other was embedded in a pillow, could indicate that the first round failed to leave the barrel and was pushed out when Lucet fired a second shot.

The police said they were not convinced by this explanation, particularly since it appeared the body had been moved and there were drops of blood on the ceiling.

The Marseilles prosecutor will decide whether to order a police investigation or close the case after the team of experts decides whether the shooting was suicide or not.

Political commentators said the Lucet affair would have an effect on the decisive second round voting for seats on the country's 95 departmental or county councils.

world community in general, to work to reduce hunger. It plays no executive role in planning or production.

Total aid to sub-Saharan Africa is relatively high, the report noted, rising from \$4.1 billion in 1977 to \$7.4 billion in 1980, a jump of 80 percent.

Public contributions to development programs throughout the world rose by only 66 percent over the same period.

The report said that of "22 world bank projects approved (in sub-Saharan Africa) only two are described specifically in terms of raising domestic output. Seven are directed to a mix of export crops and associated food crop objectives, four are focused on non-food crops, and the remaining eight projects are directed to general rural development."

In a separate study, an analysis by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) showed that "out of 57 projects in Africa, 218 were expected to have some impact on food production. But only 22 of these projects — representing about 7 percent of the total projects by value — were directly concerned with food crop production."

Whale hunting free-for-all predicted as top scientists fail to support ban

By Geoffrey Lean

LONDON (LOS) — The world's top whaling scientists have failed to support a ban on catching sperm whales. They have produced no figures to justify stopping the slaughter of the whales, the scarcer of the two main species still hunted.

Their position, documented in a confidential report, is certain to cause trouble at a crisis meeting of the International Whaling Commission, which regulates world whaling.

A breakdown at the meeting, called to decide the fate of sperm whales, could lead to the break-up of the commission and a free-for-all in killing whales.

The scientists' report, produced after a five-day special meeting, is inconclusive. But it shows that for the first time the balance of the scientific evidence is shifting in favor of the whalers' rather than the conservationists' position, just when the conservationists are gaining power in the commission.

For most of the commission's 35-year history the whaling countries controlled it, and approved big catches even though the scientific evidence showed that they were not justified.

But the balance of power on the commission has gradually been tilting toward the conservationists as more and more whaling countries gave up the practice and as new

nations joined in order to save the whales.

By last summer the conservationists had enough votes to push through a halt in sperm whaling. The commission agreed that no more should be caught unless a special meeting decided otherwise, and asked its scientific committee to review the data. That special meeting began in Brighton, England, March 23, but the scientists failed to provide it with a recommendation, despite a long meeting at which 32 of them from 12 countries repeatedly ran computer tests to try to work out how many whales, if any, it was safe to catch.

Estimating catches is a notoriously inexact science, because it is impossible to count the number of whales in the ocean. It relies on extremely complicated, and — in the end — rather rough, computer calculations.

There are two rival methods of estimating whale populations, one promoted by the Japanese, the main whaling nation, and the other pioneered by the respected International Institute of Environment and Development. The scientists' confidential report shows that both methods suggest that it is safe to catch some sperm whales.

The Japanese model, to one's surprise, suggests that vast numbers could be caught. Its proposal that the catch limit should be more than 11,000 this year was treated by

most of the other scientists with scarcely concealed disdain.

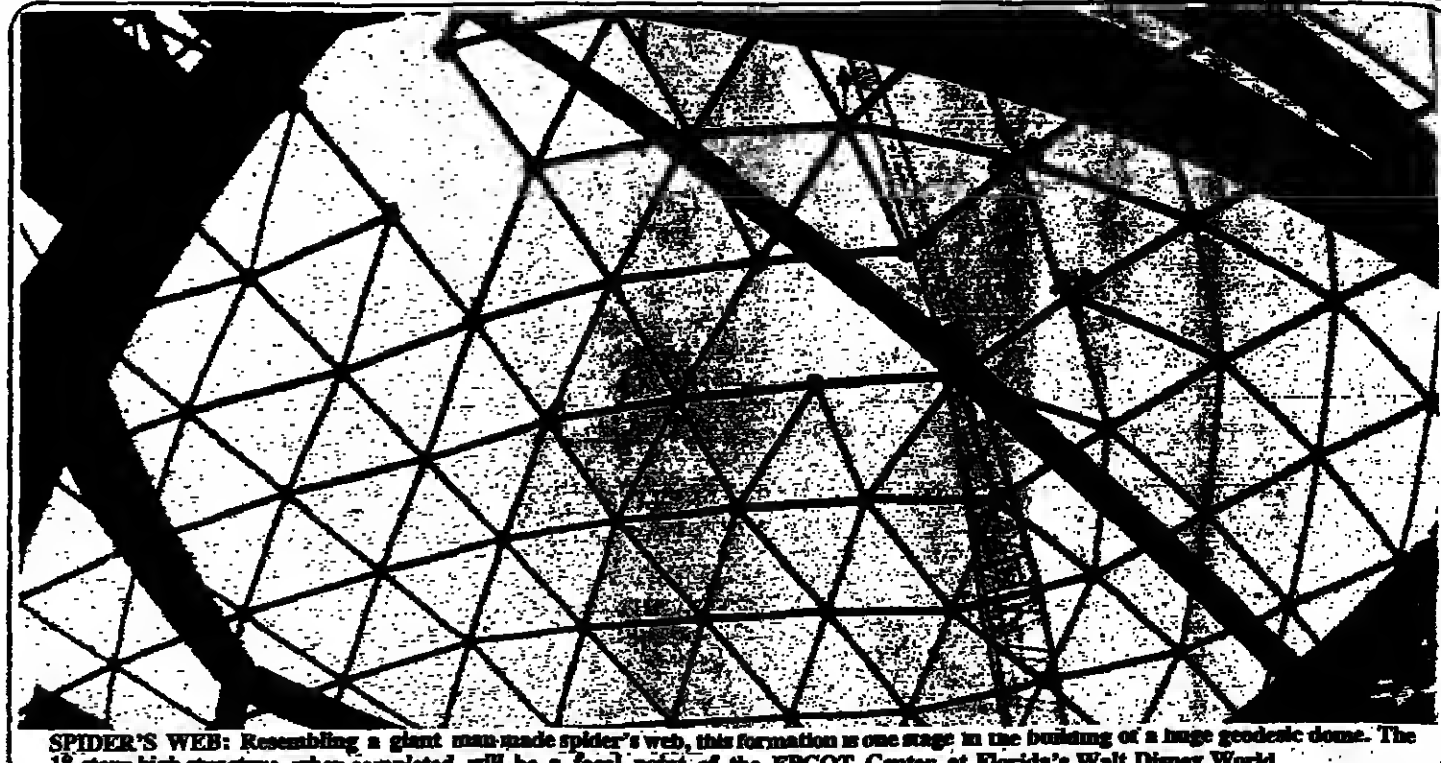
More important, the institute's model suggests that about 800 sperm whales could be taken this year from the North-West Pacific, the one area where the hunt will still be allowed.

Even the institute's model is not perfect, and conservationist scientists argue that it is too optimistic about the state of the whales. They add that there is so much uncertainty about the figures that the hunting should be banned as a precaution.

The failure of the scientists to make a recommendation, which has deeply vexed several leading commissioners, means that the decision will be political. And the political pressures are tending toward a ban, whatever the evidence may say.

Japan has given formal notice that if it is prohibited from catching sperm whales it will ignore the vote. Under the commission's rules it is entitled to do that, but the action would precipitate a crisis.

Japan would be able to kill as many sperm whales as it wanted. The conservationists would then have to try to apply their ultimate sanction, U.S. laws that would stop the countries which "diminish the effectiveness" of conservation agreements from fishing in its waters and exporting fish to it.



SPIDER'S WEB: Resembling a giant man-made spider's web, this formation is one stage in the building of a huge geodesic dome. The 18-story high structure, when completed, will be a focal point of the EPCOT Center at Florida's Walt Disney World.

Thailand's tobacco producers are happy about Rhodesian farmers who immigrated

CHIANG MAI, Thailand (AP) — "Rhodesia is super," proclaims a bright red sticker on the wall of a restaurant in this hill city 5,000 miles (8,000 kilometers) from the African country now called Zimbabwe.

It may have been stuck there by some homesick tourist, but more likely by one of the "locals" — Rhodesians who have taken up residence here and who probably will never go home again.

"It's a question of numbers: 250,000 of us and six million blacks (in Zimbabwe). The history books tell us that a minority has never been able to rule a majority... did you read about Mugabe saying Nkomo is trying to overthrow him?... you remember Bob Nelson and that beautiful beach hangout he had between near Beira? I don't imagine he has it now."

So goes the conversation on many nights at a favorite, British-style haunt of some of the more than a dozen Ex-Rhodesians and their families, about 50 persons in all who live here permanently. They live in the hills of northern Thailand and do what they once did in Africa: trade in tobacco.

Each year during the tobacco hoisting season — between mid-January and October — Chiang Mai's population is augmented by more Rhodesians who left home in the years of political turbulence and guerilla war and took their talents to international tobacco companies in Eastern Europe and the United States. The Rhodesians are said to be among the best in the business, the locals, most of whom carry British passports, are employed by some of the nearly 20 large tobacco com-

panies where they act as plant experts on growing and marketing vital links between the Thai industry and the big multinationals.

Although competitors in business, the Rhodesians form a very close-knit social community and rarely mix with Thais after office hours. One longtime Western resident here says they tend to treat Thais in an "offhand way." But one Thai executive of a tobacco firm believes that the Rhodesians simply prefer their own company and like to keep a low profile. One local restaurant, run

by a Rhodesian farmer, Nigel Parker, delects a good deal on the local Rhodesians. It is a cozy place with wooden beams; a dart board and chess; steaks and chips on the menu.

Parker left Rhodesia in 1975, giving up a lease on a 4,000-acre farm where he grew soybeans, maize and tobacco. He does not regret having started a new life, although like others here he worries about relatives still in Zimbabwe.

300,000 drums of waste pile up as Japanese plan Pacific dump

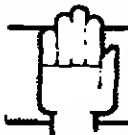
TOKYO (Depthnews) — The Japanese government planned to lower 10,000 drums of highly radioactive nuclear wastes last year, 6,000 meters deep at one of four spots about 900 kilometers south of Japan. For over a year now, the plan has drawn criticism around the Pacific, and was postponed.

The proposed site is not in Micronesia nor in Japanese waters, but the prospect of what may happen should leakage occurs is controversial. The dump site is only about 500 miles north of Saipan (near Guam in the Marianas), which, in turn, is a mere 300 miles northeast of Belau. The diet of all Pacific peoples depends heavily on the sea which, it is feared, will be contaminated if leakage occurs.

Japan desperately needs storage sites for

its increasing nuclear wastes from 21 nuclear power plants currently operating, the third largest number in the world. It also plans to build 25 more by 1990. Japanese nuclear power plants have storage facilities for radioactive wastes contained in 200-liter drums. Today, there are about 300,000 of these drums, a number expected to reach 600,000 by 1985 and two million by 1995. Japan has ratified the London Treaty of 1972 last January 1980. The treaty concerns the control of ocean dumping and ratification was a necessary step. In mid-1980, Japan joined the OECD-NEA's (Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) Multinational Consultation and Surveillance Mechanism for Sea Dumping of Radioactive Waste.

ANXIETY SPARES NO ONE



STOP KILLING YOURSELF

By Peter J. Steincrohn M.D., F.A.C.P.

For Mrs. D.: I understand your distress. But, there isn't a person living who hasn't at some time, some degree of psychoneurosis.

Anxiety spares no one. Either it sticks out like a sore thumb in the upper levels of your awareness; or it irritates you like a disagreeable itch in the lower levels of your consciousness; or, like a vague, unrecognized uneasiness that permeates the vast depths of your unconscious, its fearsomeness deadens your days.

Whatever the cause of your anxiety, whether it be due to heredity, to a forgotten trauma received in childhood, or to the combination of that trauma plus the effects of maladjustment to your later environment — the resulting state of mind is often a "living hell" (as some patients — including you, Mrs. D., — describe it).

Some years ago, C. Charles Burlingame, M.D., Psychiatrist-in-Chief of the Institute of Living, Hartford, Conn., wrote an introduction for my book, "How to Master Your Fears" (now out of print and perhaps in your public library).

He said, in part: "There is such a thing as a healthy amount of anxiety. If there weren't, we wouldn't look both ways before crossing the street. We wouldn't live long. We wouldn't worry about our youngster who is running a fever, so we wouldn't call a doctor."

"Under certain circumstances, a limited feeling of anxiety is normal and desirable. So is a limited feeling of elation. So is a limited feeling of depression."

"Sometimes we are even happy and 'love the world' or we're sad and 'down in the dumps' for no apparent reason. Man is a strange animal."

"We are just beginning to understand him; but we know it is important for him to keep his emotions in check so they do not attain

so intensity, nor endure for a length of time, that will interfere with his functioning as a constructive member of society."

The point I'm trying to make for you, Mrs. D., is that you need help. Accept your doctor's suggestion to take the newer anti-anxiety drugs. They may help relieve you of your daily distress.

MEDICALETTES (Replies to and from readers)

Dear Dr. Steincrohn: Ten years ago our family doctor told my mother her aches and pains are due to osteoarthritis. He prescribed aspirin. Since then she has taken it on and off — but nothing else for her daily pains in her back and hips.

She hasn't visited him since. I tell her it's time for another checkup. But she says it's a waste of time and money. "There's nothing anybody can do for arthritis," she says. Maybe she's right? — Ms. B.

Dear Ms. B.: And maybe she's wrong. In any experience too many patients suffer unnecessarily from arthritis because they think there's nothing anybody can do.

Whatever the type of arthritis, some measure of relief is possible. Whether it's osteoarthritis, rheumatoid variety or gout. (The three main types.)

Tell your mother that special exercises, heat and the newer drugs may be the answer she's looking for. It's surprising how many arthritic patients say, after what they think is a "needless" visit to the doctor, "I feel so much better. What a fool I've been to deny myself the chance for improvement all these years!"

Tomorrow: Pap test, how often?

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With Soviets

Reagan to back call for N-arms cut talks

WASHINGTON, March 29 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan is expected to back a call for U.S.-Soviet negotiations to gradually reduce nuclear weapons at a news conference this week, according to government officials.

Reagan has rejected a proposal sponsored by 20 U.S. senators and 154 House of Representatives members for an immediate freeze on nuclear arms, contending such a move would place the United States at a disadvantage.

Instead, the president is expected to follow the suggestions contained in a bipartisan

resolution introduced last week by eight senators, including Republican Senate leader Howard H. Baker and Democratic Senate leader Robert C. Byrd, the officials said Sunday.

The resolution asks the administration to "propose to the Soviet Union a long-term, mutual and verifiable nuclear forces freeze at equal and sharply reduced levels of forces." "We'll probably endorse that proposal," said an administration official who asked not to be identified.

Another official, who also asked that his name not be used, said "a major new initiative" from the president was not expected, but that he would address the issue because "he recognizes many are concerned about arms control." Reagan is likely to be dealing with the theme at his news conference this week, which probably will be Wednesday.

The U.S. government has rejected Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's March 17 offer to freeze deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles in the European part of the Soviet Union as not going far enough. The Brezhnev announcement was widely seen as the latest attempt to counter NATO plans to begin deployment of 572 medium-range Pershing II and Cruise missiles in Western Europe in 1983.

Reagan has rejected the proposal put forward by Sens. Edward Kennedy, and Mark O. Hatfield, which calls for an immediate freeze followed by major reduction on both sides because it would preclude the West European missile deployment. NATO contends its new missiles are necessary to counter the more than 300 Soviet SS-20 missiles already in place.

Secretary of State Alexander Haig, appearing on a television program Sunday, said the Brezhnev proposal in effect called on the United States "to quit while you're behind."

China to screen anti-Mao movie

PEKING, March 29 (AP) — A film version of a play which in the early 1960s was seen as an attack on Mao Tse-tung is soon to appear on Chinese cinema screens, according to the new English-language magazine *China's Screen*.

The play, *The Revenge of Li Huiyang*, provoked passionate debate when it opened in 1961. Its dialogue carried clear allusions to Chairman Mao's mistakes during the period of the "great leap forward," a campaign which was responsible for disastrous famines during the late 1950s.

The magazine said that the film, to be made in Shanghai Studios, would be based on the opera version of the play which enjoyed considerable success in China in 1980. The story centers on Li Hui, a concubine of Prime Minister Jia Sidao of the southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279), who made himself very unpopular by arbitrarily confiscating land, causing poverty in the countryside.

In nationwide survey

Paper exposes U.K. violence

LONDON, March 29 (AP) — *The Daily Mirror*, in a major expose of England's rising crime rate, Monday published gruesome details of an on-the-spot survey of street violence across the country and concluded that most is carried out indiscriminately and without cause.

Under the headline "Our Violent Streets," the left-wing tabloid, which recently won a television award for the best national newspaper, described how an innocent man had his face shattered by a bottle thrown at him by a 16-year-old youth beat up his mother because he didn't like the food and how a frail pensioner was kicked and punched on his 71st birthday.

The survey came less than two weeks after official figures revealed that violent crime increased by 10 percent last year, and by 34 percent in London alone. The statistics immediately triggered demands for tougher measures against criminals, including the restoration of the death penalty, abolished in 1965.

The Daily Mirror said it carried out its appraisal, with the help of local police forces and hospitals, in the 12 hours between 18.00 GMT Friday and 06.00 GMT Saturday.

It said a team of reporters went out on to the streets of eight major cities — London, Manchester, Liverpool, Newcastle, Coventry, Birmingham, Leicester and Bristol — "recording the horror of attacks as they happened."

In Manchester, the newspaper concentrated on the case of Garry, a television engineer who almost lost an eye after a bottle was smashed in his face at a discotheque where he was celebrating the marriage of his best friend.

Garry, 22, whose blood-stained face was pictured on an adjacent page, needed 12 stitches in hospital. He was the victim of just one of 703 crimes, ranging from theft to wounding, investigated by Manchester police on Friday, the *Mirror* said.

Also in Manchester, the paper said it was told by a police officer of the case of a 16-year-old youth who broke his mother's leg and smashed her in the head with an axe because he didn't like his dinner. "She wasn't

killed, but got a nasty hole in the skull," the officer was quoted as saying.

In Coventry, a Midlands town with a high unemployment rate and a reputation for racial tension, the paper told how student Simon Bailey, 19, was attacked "Kung-Fu style" by four non-whites, while in nearby Leicester, blond-haired Pat Casey was mugged in a brightly-lit road and hit on the head with a bottle. The paper quoted her as telling police that several people were standing by but none came to her aid.

In Newcastle, the paper said its reporters were on hand at the Royal Victoria Hospital to witness the wounds of 19-year-old Jeremy Smith, brought in just after midnight with kicks to his cheeks, ribs and back.

In Liverpool, one man had his neck slashed by a group of muggers, another lost four gold rings and had his throat cut as he walked through Toxteth — scene of last summer's fierce rioting — while another needed 30 stitches in his left arm after being attacked as he left a local pub.

In London, Jack Temple made the mistake of trying to fight off an intruder who burst into his home on his 71st birthday. The incident ended with the old man being rushed to hospital "battered, bloody and shaking with fright," the paper said.

There was no immediate response from lawmakers to the eight-page *Daily Mirror* report but the gory words and pictures seemed likely to prompt even more demands for tougher sentences for violent criminals and a stronger police presence in Britain's city streets.

In an editorial accompanying its report, the *Mirror* rejected some of the explanations offered by government and public alike for the rising crime rate — unemployment, poor housing, lack of parental control, lack of discipline in schools, slack law and order controls.

The violence, it said, was carried out "without rhyme or reason, mind or motive." "No single explanation is convincing. It is violence for violence's sake," the paper said. "How do we cure a sickness which has no cause."

In food poisoning case

2 Japan firms to pay \$10m damages

KITAKYUSHU, Japan, March 29 (R) — A court in this southern Japanese town Monday ordered two firms to pay about 2,500 million yen (\$10 million) in compensation to 342 victims in Japan's biggest food poisoning case.

It was the third court ruling of its kind over the discovery in 1968 that edible rice bran oil was contaminated with the chemical polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), causing stomach and nervous disorders and skin rashes.

The two companies ordered to pay compensation were Kanegafuchi Chemical

Industry Co. and the Kanemi Warehouse Co. Kanegafuchi produced the PCB from 1954 to 1972 and Kanemi used the chemical as a deodorizer.

By late last year, the Welfare Ministry had found 1,788 victims of the chemical, including 99 dead. But more than 10,000 people have claimed to be victims of PCB, which an official report said seeped into the oil in the manufacturing process.

The plaintiffs and Kanegafuchi immediately appealed against the decision to a higher court.

BRIEFS

WARSAW (AP) — Former Deputy Premier Franciszek Kaim Monday was sentenced to a year in prison for abuse of power, Poland's official news agency reported. He was the first major government official reported to be sentenced in trials ordered by martial law rulers. Kaim, who lost his mining and heavy industry cabinet post in a shakeup after the August 1980 strikes that launched the Solidarity union, was also ordered to pay a fine equivalent to \$3,750, the news agency PAP said.

PRETORIA (R) — Commandant Piet Marais, chairman of the South African arms firm Armscor, has denied reports that South Africa has designed its new 155mm "super gun" to fire nuclear weapons. In an interview with the South African Broadcasting Corporation, he said the G5 gun had no such capacity and the South African defense force had made no request for development of a weapon that could fire nuclear warheads.

ROME (AP) — The police bomb squad defused a plastic explosive placed under a

newspaper outside the office of El Al Israel Airlines in downtown Rome Monday, officials reported. The explosive was found a few minutes after a powerful bomb damaged a Jewish-owned clothing store about a kilometer from the El Al office, police said.

MANILA (R) — Typhoon Nelson killed at least 37 persons, caused \$7.3 million worth of damage, and left thousands homeless in the central and southern Philippines over the weekend, relief agencies said Monday.

RANGOON (AP) — At least 48 persons drowned in a canal and 91 were missing after a double-decker ferry capsized in strong winds 15 miles from Rangoon, government sources said Monday. The state-owned boat with 211 persons aboard was en route from the Burmese capital to Myaungmya, 80 miles west, when it capsized, the sources said.

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines (AP) — Armed men killed 12 civilians in two separate weekend attacks on the remote southern Philippine island of Basilan, the military said Monday.

Stress lowers defenses against cancer

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, March 29 (AP) — Stress may have a much larger role in allowing cancer to start and keeping it going than previously believed, according to a scientist. New tests that allow scientists to better isolate the influences of stress indicate tension and agitation weaken the body's protective immune system which holds some potential cancers in check.

Dr. Vernon T. Riley of the Pacific Northwest Research Foundation in Seattle said the importance of stress has probably been underestimated because of conflicting research results in the past. Riley and co-workers have developed techniques to greatly reduce the normal stress mice and monkeys suffer in laboratories, where they are handled and are subject to noise, bright lights and general confusion.

By using caging and handling techniques that isolate animals from these factors, scientists have found the animals can better show the influence of measured stress, Riley told a meeting of the American Cancer Society here Sunday.

Initial work with mice under these conditions shows that stress dramatically can depress the disease-fighting immune system, but doesn't appear to cause cancer by itself, Riley said. "Stress does not cause cancer in animals," Riley said. "Stress permits it to take place."

In mice injected with a virus that causes animal breast cancer, those protected against stress had a tumor incidence of only 7 percent after 13 months, compared with 60 percent in injected mice maintained in a conventional, stress-associated environment during the same period, Riley said. Stress affects the spread of cancer through the body from the initial site, the scientist added.

The researchers implanted fast-growing tumors into the hips of mice to see if stress affected spreading. This type of tumor normally moves into the lungs or intestine from the initial site. In one study, the researchers found that the cancer metastasized, or spread, to other sites 30 percent to 40 per-

cent of the time in low-stress mice, compared with 90 to 100 percent in mildly stressed animals, Riley said.

Researchers found that animals under stress have higher blood levels of hormones and other chemicals associated with anxiety. They also found a large reduction in the numbers of circulating white blood cells that normally fight disease. Another important finding, said Riley, is that organs critical to the immune system — such as the thymus, spleen and lymph nodes — showed a noticeable reduction in weight in stressed animals.

Riley said it is now clear in animals, and probably in people, that stress can lower the body's defenses and unleash cancer under certain circumstances. This includes cases where a latent cancer might already be in the body, but held in check by the immune system.

If the findings prove to apply to humans, steps could be taken to reduce tension as a way of preventing cancer, Riley said.

Elizabeth orders palace staff cuts

LONDON, March 29 (AP) — Buckingham Palace has confirmed press reports that Queen Elizabeth II has ordered palace staff cuts for the second straight year to make up a £2,352 pounds (\$147,410) deficit in the royal account books.

The reports said in the new series of measures at the palace where the staff last year was cut by 20 to 346, the 55-year-old British monarch already has: banded over cleaning in all but the most sensitive parts of the palace to outside contractors instead of employing an army of cleaners; introduced electronic word processing; machines to cut staff who deal with the hundreds of thousands of letters from the public; modernized the palace telephone system; cut her personal staff to the minimum requirement of dressers and valets; and introduced more efficient cooking methods in the palace kitchens.

The new staff cuts have been ordered despite an 8.1 percent increase announced by the government March 9 for the taxpayers' handout to the queen and 10 members of her family known as the civil list. The civil list is designed to cover royal expenses and is not a salary.

The hike took the queen's civil list payment to 3.54 million pounds (\$6.33 million) a year. In addition, she got a separate government bandout of 2.1 million pounds (\$3.75 million) to run Buckingham Palace.

The queen also has a personal fortune. It is secret but reportedly worth several tens of millions of dollars and is largely derived from the Duchy of Lancaster estates. She pays no tax on it.

For the last two years the queen has had to subsidize Buckingham Palace expenditure from her private fortune.

Haitian freighter capsizes; 2 dead

MIAMI, Florida, March 29 (AP) — A Haitian freighter believed to be carrying 10 crewmen capsized in heavy seas off Florida Monday, and two crewmen were known dead and three others were missing, the Coast Guard said.

The 70-foot *Esperanza*, bound from Nassau in the Bahamas to Miami, overturned in 10-foot waves about 0600 GMT Monday, said Coast Guard petty officer Mike Kelly in Miami.

Five crew members made it to shore from the vessel when it capsized off the Palm Beach county coast, Kelly said. The Coast Guard reported heavy winds, overcast skies and rain early Monday, hampering the search for the missing sailors.

U.K. expedition to Everest sets base camp

PEKING, March 29 (Agencies) — A British expedition planning to conquer Mount Everest by the unclimbed east-northeast ridge has established base camp at the bottom of the east Rongbuk glacier, the team said in a telex message received here Monday.

They said the camp was situated on bleak, wind-swept gravel and that the face of the ridge could be seen towering at the head of the glacier 19 kms (12 miles) to the south. The temperature at base camp sometimes reached -26°C and was 17,000 feet above sea level, they added.

The six-man team led by Chris Bonington is the first British expedition to attempt the mountain from the Chinese side since 1938. A Japanese team conquered the world's highest peak from Tibet in 1980 and Italian mountaineer Reinhold Messner climbed it solo in the same year, also from the Chinese side.

Bonington said in Peking last month that the most awesome problem in their assault consisted of several tooth-like rock towers, the tallest about 200 feet (60 meters) high.

Meanwhile, reports in Katmandu said hurricane winds lashed the high altitude camp of the first Soviet Himalayan expedition attempting to conquer Mount Everest.

Several tents at the 6,500 meters first high altitude camp were blown away when the storm struck on March 22 but none of the climbers were injured, according to the Nepalese Ministry of Tourism quoting an official message from the Everest base.

The 27-member expedition, led by Dr. Evgeni Tamm, was scheduled to pitch Camp 2 on March 23 at 7,200 meters. Included in the team are 16 ace Soviet climbers eight of whom will be making the summit attempt on the world's highest mountain through the hitherto unclimbed southwest rocky face route.

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Growth set at 5.6%

Turkish leaders see upturn in economy

ANKARA, March 29 (R) — Turkey's military leaders believe the country is likely to experience further growth this year and next as the sweeping economic recovery measures of 1980 begin to take effect.

The economy grew last year at a rate of 4.4 percent after negative growth in the two previous years. This year growth is set at 5.6 percent.

The architect of the 1980 program, Turgut Ozal, now deputy prime minister and head of the State Planning Organization, has supreme power over economic planning and says the military rule must be continued for another two or three years to make Turkey economically sound.

Ozal's programs, which brought inflation down from over 100 percent in 1980 to around 36 percent last year, has been widely applauded here, but with minor criticism from private industry. It is likely to be followed through until the military-led administration hands over to an elected civilian government.

Military leaders have pledged a return to full democracy at the latest by spring 1984. Ozal's reference to the need of continuing his program for two or three years lent credence to press speculation here that the consultative assembly, hand-picked by the military to draft a new constitution, would try to give a legal basis to the continuation of Ozal's economic program.

Since the military leaders retain considerable popularity and domestic politics do not exist at present, the Ozal program, which foresees economic growth of 5.6 percent this year and six percent in 1983, seems almost certain to continue until the end of 1983.

Only disagreement within the military itself could disrupt Turkey's economic progress.

Tin body views export curbs

LONDON, March 29 (AFP) — The huge support operation in tin which boosted prices to record levels in February, was still very much in the minds of delegates at the International Tin Council resumed its emergency session here Monday.

After two adjournments, the council decided to allocate two days the intricate

India customs

impound tanker

NEW DELHI, March 29 (AP) — A Singapore-registered tanker carrying electronic appliances and other goods for smuggling into India was seized near Bombay after an eight-hour chase by customs patrols, the United News of India reported Monday.

The tanker *Minidora* was captured and its captain, a South Korean, and eight other crew members were arrested, the news agency said.

The tanker surrendered last Friday only after the patrol boat *Kazisa Sultana* aimed its guns at it, UNI said.

Gold's fall catches many on wrong foot

LONDON, March 29 (R) — Investors who bought gold in the heady days of 1980 when it soared to record prices are in for a rough ride this year as its value continues to drop, some dealers say.

In a world used to considering gold as a lasting store of wealth, the extent of the decline has wrong-footed producer and investor alike. Tempted by the high interest rates that have accompanied the world recession, money has been flooding out of the precious metal and into paper investments.

From a January 1980 high of \$875 an ounce, gold fell last week to \$312 and some analysts say it could even drop to \$250 an ounce this year. Concern at the state of the market links governments of widely differing persuasions.

The economies of the main producers, South Africa and the Soviet Union, have been hit hard by the slump, while Middle East investors have been forced to unload gold at a loss to counter the effects of falling oil prices.

For an oil producer like Indonesia, which bought 1.8 million ounces of gold in 1980, much of it in a rising market, the current price of the metal represents a serious loss to the reserves.

The importance of gold as a safe investment in times of political uncertainty

ress, Western diplomats here believe. Ozal was recently quoted as saying Turkey's balance of payments account could break even this year although the official estimate is for a deficit of \$425 million. This includes trade, invisibles, debt servicing, workers remittances and foreign debts.

The deficit was \$1.1 billion last year and \$1.2 billion the year before. The current account deficit, excluding foreign loans, project or program credits, foreign debt principal repayments or the capital movements, narrowed from \$3.1 billion in 1980 to \$2 billion.

The new economic program, introduced in January 1980, encouraged private enterprise, scrapped most state subsidies and devalued Turkey's lira by 33 percent against the dollar.

Last year inflation was sharply down from 107 percent in 1980 and the target for this year is 25 percent. But the wholesale price index, the key inflation indicator, was already up 5.4 percent for the first two months this year.

The foreign trade deficit was cut by 15 percent last year, largely due to a 62 percent rise in the value of exports. The government hopes to further reduce the deficit this year despite an import target of \$10 billion, 12 percent up on last year.

Remittances to the central bank or other foreign currency banks by Turkish workers abroad reached a record \$2.49 billion last year, largely due to a favorable exchange rate announced as part of the 1980 package. The government hopes the figure will reach \$2.8 billion this year.

Economists believe Turkey would have little problem balancing its payments, if it were not for its huge burden of debts, mostly incurred by the previous civilian governments.

discussions on whether to impose export controls on producers, in order to alleviate a chronic surplus and rally prices.

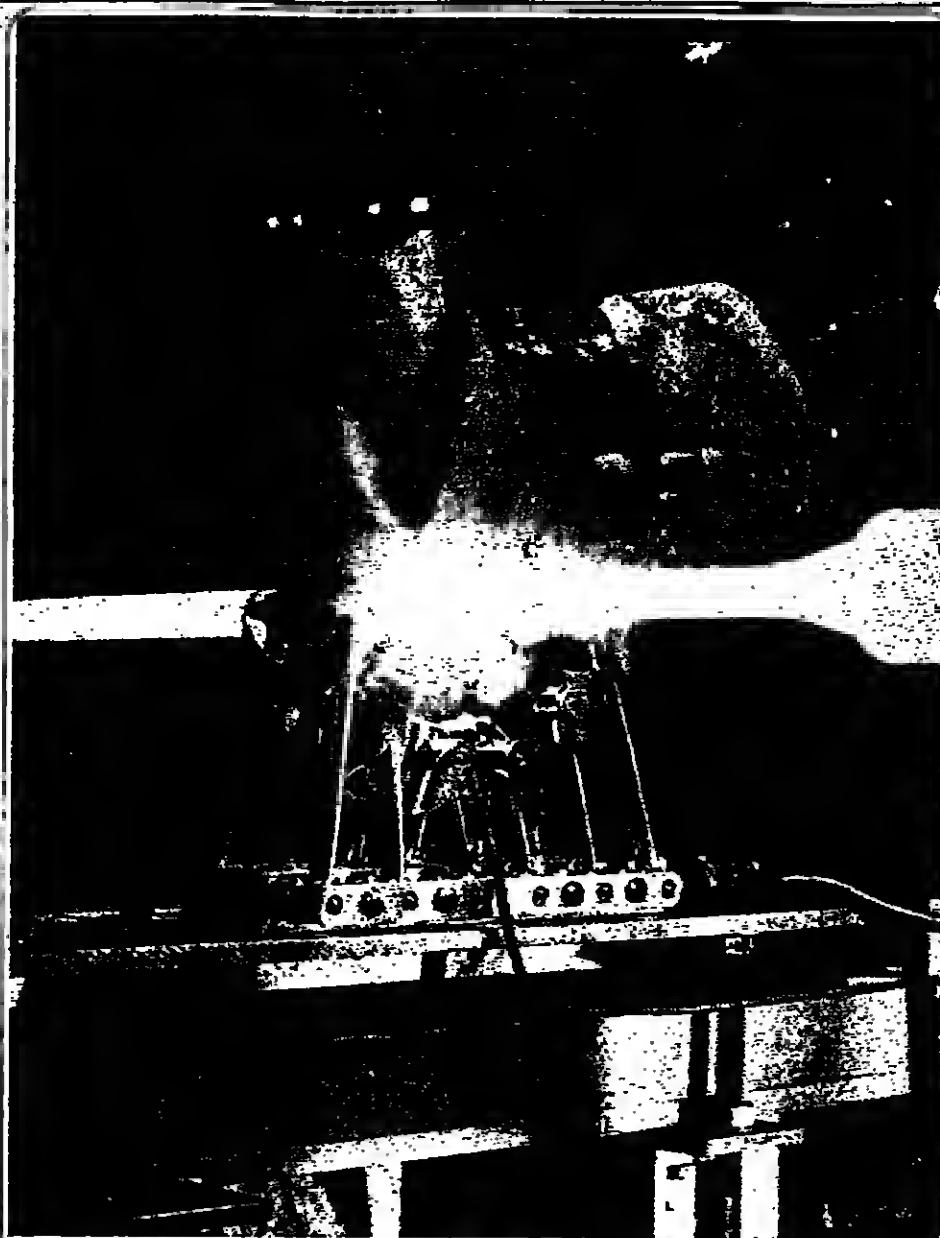
The consumer members have been opposed to such measures, particularly the European Economic Community (EEC), as they feel that any recovery in market prices at the present time can only be beneficial to those mysterious backers, believed to be producing countries, who engineered the coup which began last July.

By February tin had moved up nearly 30 percent to a peak 9,000 pounds a ton. But the market collapsed within a matter of weeks as the bubble burst, to around 7000/7200 pounds leaving a lot of expensive metal (well over current market prices) in certain dealers' hands.

Any recovery now, consumers argued, would be just what was wanted to liquidate these positions, and avoid massive losses.

Meanwhile, the producers are pressing for a restriction in shipments as prices are well below production costs in some cases.

The EEC members are meeting separately this morning, ahead of meetings of producers and consumers as a whole.



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Lloyd's Register reports Shipbuilding faces lean times

LONDON, March 29 (AFP) — The substantial overcapacity in the world shipbuilding industry is likely to continue for the foreseeable future, Robert Huskisson, chairman of Lloyd's Register of Shipping said Monday in his annual report.

Despite the one million ton gross increase in the world order book in 1981 to 35 million tons, there are already signs of a slackening pace in new orders.

Latest figures published in the annual report showed that total new orders in 1981 came to 17 million tons, compared with 19 million tons in 1980. This was equivalent to the 1979 total, "which signifies a distinct levelling-off in demand for new ships," the report commented.

"The continuing world recession, with a low level of growth in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries, high oil prices, reduced

oil production and declining oil consumption, together with high interest rates, has made all-round market recovery for the shipping industry seem almost as far away as ever," it added.

Within the gross total, 18.9 million tons consisting of 635 bulk carriers are due for delivery by 1984. With less than 18 million tons of the present merchant fleet over 15 years old, it is difficult to see quite how this new tonnage will be efficiently utilized, given the current short-term market projections and prevailing low charter rates, the report added.

"The prospect of some of these orders being canceled cannot be ruled out," it stressed.

Huskisson, in a detailed comment about shipyard overcapacity, said that the "most disturbing fact" was the closing of complete shipyards in some countries and the opening of new ones elsewhere in the world.

"Let me hasten to say that I am entirely in favor of private enterprise and the discipline of the market place," he said. A perfect illustration was the magnificent new Daewoo Shipyard just opened in South Korea.

Sweden foresees gas project delay

MALMO, Sweden, March 29 (AFP) — The Soviet Union will have to step up imports of gas pipelines from Western Europe and Japan to honor its European Siberian natural gas contracts, according to a Swedish report published here Monday.

The report, issued by the private Swedish organization Petrosudies, said that U.S. and Soviet economic sanctions could lead to a delay or even a cancellation of Siberian natural gas shipments to Western Europe.

The Soviet Union, it said, aimed to counter U.S. sanctions by stepping up construction of the 4,400 kms (2,750 mile) pipeline from the western Siberian gas deposits to the Soviet-Czechoslovak border.

Quoting Soviet oil ministry sources, Petrosudies said that Moscow had recently decided to change its initial plans for the pipeline and would now lay three parallel pipes, each 142 cms in diameter (some 60 inches) and measure a total length of 10,000 kms (6,250 miles). The Soviet Union aimed to finish building the pipeline well before the scheduled date of 1985, the report said.

A shift from West

Iran hikes trade with Russia

LONDON, March 29 (ONS) — A series of key agreements and protocols signed during the past four weeks by Iran with Syria, Turkey, Uruguay and Czechoslovakia highlight both the growing amount of barter in Tehran's international trade and Iran's steady shift away from the West to the Eastern bloc and Third World countries.

No official figures are available on the amount of oil involved in the barter deals, but sources in London believe as much as a third of Iran's oil exports is being swapped for badly needed food and technology.

The new agreements were announced amid reports that Tehran was weathering yet another foreign exchange reserves crisis. Iran's Central Bank dismissed rumors of 'quick gold sales' and 'fake money' as opposition scaremongering, but there is little doubt that the world oil glut is hurting Tehran's efforts to find ready markets for its crude, and, subsequently billion to an estimated \$1 or \$2 billion).

The price paid by Iran's new customers for their oil is not known, but some sources say Tehran may be undercutting the official OPEC benchmark price of \$34 by as much as \$7. Oil exports are put at somewhere around one million barrels a day.

Politically, last week's most important agreement was reached with the Syrians: The latter undertook to buy 8.8 million tons of crude a year (thus meeting most of Damascus's energy needs) in return for one million tons of phosphates and other industrial products. Before the revolution most of Iran's phosphates came from Jordan.

The Syrian agreement coincided with reports that Uruguay, with whom Iran has done almost no trade in the past, would purchase \$80 million of oil over the coming nine months in return for meat, rice and grain. An Iranian government team recently toured Brazil and Argentina in search of similar deals.

Soviets default in payments

MOSCOW, March 29 (R) — The Soviet Union is having difficulty paying its Western bills and businessmen say Moscow's hard currency shortage could put a severe dampener on trade prospects this year.

Western traders in Moscow say that over the past two months Soviet commercial managers have asked dozens of Western firms to accept delays in repayment for goods already delivered and explained bluntly that the task is not available to pay on time.

Banking sources said that a recent Soviet selling spree on Western gold, oil and diamond markets has apparently been insufficient to offset the shortfall in the Kremlin's currency reserves.

Businessmen say it is the first time for many years that the Soviet Union, endowed with enormous mineral resources, has effectively run out of money and they believe the currency crisis may last only a few months.

Several factors appear to be the cause of Moscow's money problems. Firstly, three bad harvests in succession have forced the Kremlin to pay out billions of dollars on imported grain from the United States, Argentina and

other major producers. The second major drain on Soviet reserves has evidently been Poland. Moscow has given only scant details about its financial aid to Warsaw, but Western diplomats say it may have transferred as much as \$5 billion during 1981, much of it in hard Western currency.

The net result has been a significant increase in trade with Iran's traditional barter partners, the Soviet Union and Eastern bloc members. Comecon recently estimated that its 1981 share of Iranian imports will be up three-fold on its pre-revolution level of 5 percent to almost \$2 billion.

To slow the outflow from Iran's foreign exchange reserves, luxury imports were banned and Tehran reactivated a dormant legal mechanism requiring central bank approval before letters of credit could be opened. Both measures hurt Western exporters.

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Typical of this trend was the protocol signed last month in Tehran with the Czechs. In return for a considerable amount to meet Iran's industrial needs, Prague plans to double Iranian oil imports to 10,000 barrels a day.

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Irish lead rest in tea drinking

LONDON, March 29 (AP) — The average Briton drinks about 1,650 cups of tea every year, second highest consumption in the world, the Tea Council has reported.

The Irish are the number one tea drinkers consuming 8.18 pounds (3.71 kilos) of tea per head every year, said a news release Sunday from the council which promotes tea drinking.

The British figure is 7.83 pounds (3.55 kg). New Zealand 5.25 pounds (2.38 kg). Iraq 4.52 pounds (2.05 kg) and Australia 3.52 pounds (1.94 kg).

Venerable Fokker flying high

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, March 29 (LAT) — The venerable Fokker Aircraft Company, which built fighter planes for the Red Baron in World War I, is enjoying robust health in an industry suffering from serious ailments.

"We are doing quite well," Leo J.N. Steijn, an official at Fokker B.V. headquarters here, said almost apologetically. "In fact, the recession has helped us. In their efforts to save money, potential buyers are now more interested in our planes."

Fokker production lines are busy turning out one of civil aviation's most successful planes, the twin-turboprop F-27 Friendship and its twin-jet sister ship, the F-28 Fellowship.

Other work includes construction of components, mainly wing sections, for the European A300 and A310 Airbus and two British short-haul transports.

According to latest company figures, Fokker had sales of nearly \$190 million in the first half of 1981, with a net profit of \$2.2 million. The 1980 profit totaled \$4.47 million, but was lower in proportion to sales than in 1981, when streamlined operations increased relative profitability. The company also was profitable in 1979, but lost money the two previous years.

Fokker's success is especially significant because it is almost entirely dependent on the volatile, civil aviation industry. Military orders, a constant and dependable source of income for airplane makers, accounts for only 16 percent of Fokker's operation. Its military work — fabricated for its association with Manfred von Richthofen, Germany's World War I ace — now consists mainly of final assembly of about 200 general dynamics F-16 fighters for the Dutch and Norwegian air forces.

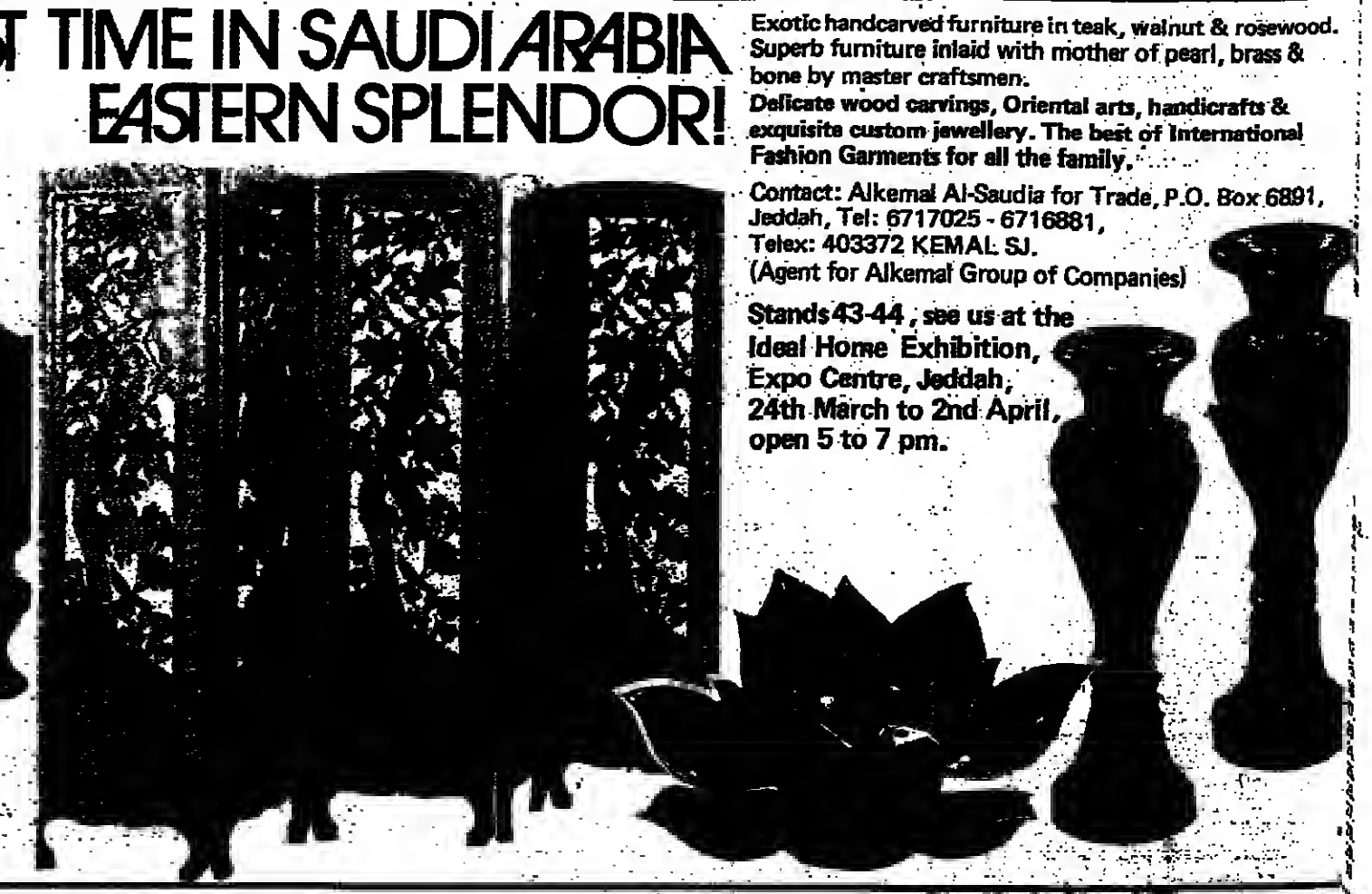
Production of the F-27 has been increased from 12 to 23 a year since 1980. F-28s are coming off the line at the rate of 12 a year.

To handle the extra work, Fokker has boosted the work force at its four plants here in Holland to 9,600 from 7,500 in 1980.

Oddly, Fokker is unhappy over one of the few hopeful signs in the troubled civil aviation industry — declining fuel prices. The decline was a key factor in the recent cancellation of a \$2 billion joint project with McDonnell Douglas Corp. to build a new 150-seat jetliner, the MDX-100, whose chief attraction would have been fuel economy.

Steijn said aviation fuel was expected to cost about \$1.50 a gallon by the time the first MDX-100 was test flown in 1985.

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Facing OPEC sanctions

Firms deny shunning Nigeria

LONDON, March 29 (R) — Major oil companies threatened with sanctions by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) unless they restore purchases from Nigeria say they have not suspended shipments of oil from the African country.

The Anglo-Dutch Shell group said Monday: "Shell continues lifting as normal from Nigeria." Two of the three U.S. companies involved in the crisis, Mobil and Gulf, said Sunday they had not suspended Nigerian shipments. The other company, Texaco, made no comment.

According to the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), a well-informed trade newsletter, OPEC gave the companies until Monday night to restore Nigerian purchases, failing which they could be blacklisted by OPEC. MEES said some OPEC members believed that buyer defections from Nigeria, where output has halved to only 630,000 barrels daily, were part of a bid to force this revenue-starved OPEC nation to cut its price and thereby undermine all OPEC prices in the prevailing world glut.

Market analysts said it was not yet clear whether company statements that "normal liftings" continue would placate OPEC. Under Nigerian production arrangements, "normal liftings" can also mean reduced vol-

umes. The companies produce oil for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation, a state company. It takes 80 percent of Shell's output, and 60 percent of the volumes produced by Mobil and Gulf, and sells this oil to third parties. The producing companies take the remaining oil.

As a Shell spokesman noted Monday, buyers have deserted the National Petroleum Corporation, so the pool, out of which Shell is expected to buy 20 percent, has been reduced.

In fact, Shell said, it has recently been tak-

Global trade dips -- GATT

GENEVA, March 29 (R) — World trade declined last year for the first time since 1958, contracting by one percent on an annual basis, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) said Monday.

The decline after a 21 percent growth in 1980, was due partly to a fall in export values expressed in dollars and partly to a stagnation in the volume of goods traded, the world trade body said in an initial report on 1981 commerce.

GATT warned against explaining all cur-

ing somewhat more than 20 percent of what it produces, because of the slump in Nigerian sales to third parties. Analysts said the key questions were whether OPEC wanted the producing companies to take more than their percentage entitlements and whether they would oblige to help out Nigeria.

The market experts said the companies would scarcely want to be seen bowing to OPEC pressure. If an accommodation was reached, the only confirmation of it might come if and when it became clear that OPEC was not going to call an emergency meeting to impose sanctions on the companies.

Economic recovery required very large volumes of investment and a restoration of the business confidence whose absence helped keep long-term interest rates high, GATT said.

"It is not the level of nominal interest rates as such, in the absence of production costs, that deters investment at present, but the uncertainty reflected in those rates," it said.

Interest rate reduction could come by lowering taxes on savings to free more private capital for investment and cutting public budget deficits to make up for the resulting loss in tax revenues, the study suggested.

Without naming any nation, GATT criticized several policies gaining ground in industrialized countries as means of countering growing problems in world trade. It said import substitution had not worked in the developing world and there was no reason for it to succeed in industrialized countries.

The main goal of the IDB's 23rd annual assembly, attended by finance and industry ministers and central bank governors among 2,500 delegates, is to determine financial aid from 1983-1986.

The bank, which has loaned more than \$20 billion since it was founded in 1959, will consider a sixth general increase in bank resources of between \$12 and \$15 billion, an IDB spokesman says.

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Wheat crop placed at 457m tons

LONDON, March 29 (AP) — The International Wheat Council, while estimating the 1981 world wheat crop at a record 457 million metric tons, Monday said carryover stocks at the end of the crop year will be higher.

The council's March marketing report said carryover wheat stocks in the five major wheat producing areas — Argentina, Australia, Canada, the European Community and the United States — will end the crop year June 30 at 52.4 million metric tons, up from its February estimate of 49.5 million metric tons. This compares with 45 million metric tons in the previous year.

"The increase in the forecast follows revised estimates of supply and demand issued in the United States and Canada," the report said. It also said higher than previously estimated opening stocks in Canada, coupled with a reduction of domestic use, had helped boost carryover stocks.

The council also dropped its estimate of the world wheat and flour trade to 99 million metric tons, down 1 million tons from its February estimate.

'Operational snail pace' hits France

PARIS, March 29 (AFP) — Motorways and main roads throughout France were in chaos Monday as thousands of angry truck owner-drivers staged an "operation snail's pace" and parked vehicles on roads.

In all some 35,000 owners-drivers were expected to take part in the protest over diesel fuel prices, taxes applicable to their sector and other difficulties.

They blocked main roads into large towns, including Paris, where huge traffic jams built up. The road around Paris was permanently jammed as trucks drove round at 5 kph (three mph).

The drivers' leaders have asked for a meeting with Premier Pierre Mauroy by 5 p.m. (1500 GMT), and if they do not get it they plan to "harden up the operation."

They will also discuss Reagan's plan for economic and trade assistance to the Caribbean region. Critics of the scheme, announced a month ago, have charged that it favors El Salvador and other governments supporting U.S. foreign policy objectives, instead of the most needy.

The bank whose membership consists of 25 Latin American countries, the U.S., Japan and 16 European nations, has laid the emphasis on energy, agricultural and social aid schemes.

The main work of the Cartagena meeting, which was opened by Colombian President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala, will be carried out by special committees discussing recommendations from a preparatory IDB meeting held in Lisbon in January.

IDB resources are distributed among ordinary capital, which is used to finance lending at so-called conventional terms, and The Fund for Special Operation (FSO), covering soft-term loans.

NEW DELHI (AP) — Stankoinport, the Soviet foreign trade organization, signed a \$2 million rupees (\$5.8 million) contract Monday to buy machine tools from India's state-owned Hindustan Machine Tool (HMT) Ltd.

Under another contract last December, Stankoinport agreed to purchase HMT machine tools worth 122 million rupees (\$ 17.6 million).

NEW YORK (R) — Customs officials have seized more than \$1.7 million worth of high-technology exports destined for Libya. They said the equipment was the first to be held under the Reagan administration embargo against Libya imposed March 12.

The material, water purification and oil and gas equipment, was due to leave on a freighter last Friday.

LONDON (AFP) — Australian press magnate Robert Holmes appears to have won his months-long takeover battle against Heron International of Britain for Associated Communications Corporation (ACC), formerly headed by Lord Grade. ACC has major interests in the international film business and in British commercial television.

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Dollar scales new heights

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 29 — The dollar opened on an extremely strong note in the European exchanges Monday, with major gains reported against almost all other currencies. Eurodollar deposit rates also opened firm, with rises of between 3/16 to 5/16 percent registered in most tenors, taking the one-year deposit level to 15 7/16-15 9/16 percent at one stage in London.

The European dealers believed that, with Federal Reserve Board's "Fed fund" lending rates closing at 14 11/16 percent Friday, and with money supply figures still showing a tendency that U.S. interest rates will rise even higher this week. With a widening interest differential gap between U.S. and European interest rates, investors are turning to the dollar.

In the bullion markets, gold slipped back to \$319 levels Monday and later to \$318.20 in some nervous trading compared with Friday closing level of \$321.50 an ounce. Silver also fell back in sympathy with gold, to take silver prices to below \$7.00 level at \$6.95 an ounce.

In the local markets, rial exchange rates were very stable at between 3.4201-09 to 3.4202-08 levels in some dull trading. In the local money markets, some firming of short-term rial deposit rates was seen but in general local rates were stable.

While last week's dollar rises on the exchange markets could be largely attributed to monetary / exchange events concerning the European Monetary System (EMS) currencies themselves, this Monday's dollar rises were largely as a result of a renewed surge in dollar deposit rates. While there was some easing back of rates by late

trading in London, dealers were confident that the present tight Federal Reserve monetary policy would continue in New York on Monday night. But the markets could be fooled again, just "as they were fooled by the money supply figures of last week", to put it in the sarcastic words of a U.S. treasury official, when money supply rose by a mere \$500 million rather than the "expected" \$1.2 billion.

In the exchanges, the yen was still weak at 247.80 levels while the British pound tottered to 1.7810 in London compared with 1.7900 New York closing. The German mark fell back sharply to 2.4100 from 2.3960 while the French franc came under renewed selling pressure at 6.2810 compared with 6.2410 on Friday. Renewed realignment talk about the French franc did not help that currency just when the markets had thought the franc had reprieved itself for the time being. The Swiss currency did not fare better either, losing ground from 1.9135 to trade at 1.9260 on Monday.

In the local money markets, there was a slight rise in deposit rates but dealing volumes were small. The one-month JIBOR rate traded at 14-14 1/2 percent levels while in the longer periods the one-year was quoted at 13 1/2-14 percent. Week-fixed rates rose however, from Saturday levels of 13-14 percent to trade at 14-15 percent.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

London	318.87
Paris	326.62
Frankfurt	320.63
Zurich	318.50
Hong Kong	323.00

Freight market stays stable

LONDON, March 29 (AFP) — The freight market continued firmer last week, despite holidays in Japan.

Soviet chartering remained to the fore, although there was little evidence of it on the surface. Nevertheless there was a mounting backlog of vessels in the River Plate, waiting to ship Argentinean grain to Russian ports.

The start of Japan's new fiscal year meant that charterers held off the market to see how the new contracts business was allocated. But one or two Japanese fixtures were reported in grain, including a 30,000 tonner booked out of the U.S. Gulf at \$23, or \$2 more than two weeks earlier.

Out of the U.S. north Pacific coast, a 31,000 ton grain shipment was fixed to Japan at \$13.75/ton, or \$3.40 more than paid for a similar size at the beginning of February.

In the U.S. Gulf/Europe grain trade a 75,000 tonner secured a dollar more when it was paid \$10.75/ton for an April shipment, but this was still some \$7 below rates prevailing a year ago.

There were reports of other vessels being booked for this trans-Atlantic route at higher rates, including a 46,000 tonner at \$16.25, but these were not confirmed.

European grain continued to employ a steady number of small vessels for shipments to north Africa and the Middle East. There was little support given to grain from other commodities with a marked absence of Japanese interest in coal and ore shipments.

Fertilizer enquiry was quiet on the surface. Indian charterers were said to be looking for April vessels, but willing to pay only \$12.50/ton out of Arabia (Jordan), or 25 cents less than previously.

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Dammam Municipality	Maintenance of street and public park lighting in Dammam	—	1,000	5-4-1982
Jeddah Municipality	Construction of the university municipality branch; Construction of Qasr Khuzam branch;	76	5,000	5-4-1982
" "	Construction of Balad branch;	77	5,000	" "
" "	Construction of the new airport branch.	78	"	6-4-1982
" "	"	79	"	" "

PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT

SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 4TH JAMAD AL THANI 1402/29TH MARCH 1982

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3	Khian Zaphyr	S.S.M.S.C.	Rice	28.3.82
4	Ikan	Red Sea	Wire netting	27.3.82
5	Astir	A.A.	Bagged Barley	24.3.82
6	Alexandros	A.A.	Bagged Barley	27.3.82
7	Amstedleap	Aisaada	Bagged Barley	22.3.82
8	Star United	Bamaodah	Bagged Barley	14.3.82
9	Ashraf Al Aowal	O.C.E.	Cheese/Eggs/Fr. Chick	26.3.82
10	Bolin	Aisaada	H. Lifts/Gen./Steel	24.3.82
11	Al Mouse	Abdallah	Durra	25.3.82
12	Golden Singapore	El Hawi	Contrs/Steel/Ply	17.3.82
14	Kumrovac	Attar	General	27.3.82
18	Zeus I	Roloco	Bulk Cement	22.3.82
19	Jeddah Cement 1	Alsaabab	Bulk Cement	25.3.82
21	Aegis Scope	Aisaada	Bagged Barley/Gen.	23.3.82
22	Kota Abedi	O.C.E.	Bagged Barley	24.3.82
23	Char Hang	Abdallah	Gen./Steel/Contrs.	27.3.82
24	Fadel C	El Hawi	Timber	26.3.82
25	Al Shehabia	H.S.S.C.	Timber/Gen./Units	26.3.82
26	Bora Universal	Star	Fruit	24.3.82
27	Puerto Cadiz	O.C.E.	Oranges	27.3.82
27	Juhaar	Shobokshi	Potatoes	28.3.82
28	Balmoral Universal	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	23.3.82
28	Spartan Reefer	O.C.E.	Frozen Chicken	22.3.82
30	Jala Gouri	Aisaada	Contrs/Gen.	26.3.82

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 4.6.1402/29.3.1982 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
1	Lord Curzon	UEP	Bagged Barley	19.3.82
S-2	Asia Samho	SMC	Gen/Steel	25.3.82
3	Ever Splendour	Aisaada	General	23.3.82
5	Big Orange	SCSA	Gen/Rice	27.3.82
7	Ibn Al Atheer	Kanoo	General	25.3.82
8	Al Haha	Gosabli	General	27.3.82
11	Annubla	Gulf	General/Rice	26.3.82
12	Pegasus	Orri	Steel Pipes	28.3.82
15	Paranassus	Orri	Steel	23.3.82
16	Fortune Star	SMC	Steel/Gen.	22.3.82
17	Rio Lee Saucos	Gosabli	General	28.3.82
20	Dong Shan	SEA	General	26.3.82
24	Melakend	Aliraaz	Containers	28.3.82
25	Sun Diamond	Kanoo	Containers	28.3.82
26	Christian Maerck	UEP	Containers	28.3.82
27	Glauchau	Barber	Bulk Barite	20.3.82
28	Scan Eastern	Gosabli	Bagged Barley	17.3.82
29	Weal Runner	SEA	Bagged Barley	17.3.82
30	Zinnla			

BRIEFS

KUWAIT — The 6th edition of the Commercial Directory of Kuwait & Gulf States, 1981/82 has been published. The Commercial Directory which is the first and oldest of directories published from the Gulf — is a compendium of addresses of business and service organizations of Kuwait, U.A.E., Bahrain, Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, listed alphabetically and classified activitywise. The 6th edition is a significant improvement over the earlier editions. It is far more comprehensive with nearly 10,000 additional listings besides updated earlier listings.

LONDON (R) — Mexico's state oil company Pemex is raising \$200 million through a two year Eurocredit, lead manager Banco Nacional de Mexico, Banamex, said. The loan will carry a 1/2 percent spread over London interbank offered rates, or 1/2 percent over U.S. prime rates, it added, and as a club deal among 10 banks will not be widely syndicated.

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76ers wriggle out of lean spell

NEW YORK, March 29 (AP) — The Philadelphia 76ers, who had lost three out of four games and begun to question their status as a National Basketball Association power, got themselves a much-needed confidence builder.

"We had to convince ourselves we could play well, regardless of who it is," said Bobby Jones, who hit last eight shots and scored 19 points as the 76ers ended Boston's 18-game winning streak with a 116-98 victory Sunday.

A week before, the Celtics had dominated the 76ers in Philadelphia. Losses to New Jersey and Detroit followed and the 76ers beat Cleveland, the NBA's worst team, by just four points Friday night.

In other NBA games Sunday, Indiana edged Chicago 102-101, Los Angeles trimmed Kansas City 116-111, Houston nipped Golden State 94-92. Seattle stopped Portland 109-101, New Jersey defeated New York 113-106 and Washington topped Cleveland 104-101.

The 76ers, who got 23 points from Andrew Toney, never trailed. After nine straight points which gave them a 35-15 lead with 10:30 left in the second quarter. Their smallest lead was 11. Boston reeled off 11 straight

points late in the first half and trailed 57-44 at halftime. But the 76ers netted eight of the first 10 second-half points on two layups, a dunk by Erving and a dunk by Jones.

The loss left Boston tied with the 1969-70 record of New York Knicks for the NBA's third-longest winning streak. Milwaukee's 20-game streak in 1971 is second to the Lakers' 33. Nate Archibald led the Celtics with 22 points, followed by Kevin McHale with 19 and Robert Parish with 18.

Nets 113, Knicks 106: Ray Williams scored 23 points and James Bailey hit 10 of his 19 in the fourth quarter as New Jersey handed New York its ninth straight road loss. The Knicks, who got 21 points from Michael Ray Richardson, never led in the game, but they rallied from a 61-47 deficit early in the third quarter to tie the score twice, 92-92 and 94-94, in the fourth period. Bailey then hit two baskets as New Jersey outscored the Knicks 10-2 in the next 3½ minutes for a 104-96 edge. The Knicks didn't get closer than four points the rest of the way.

Bullets 104, Cavaliers 101: Greg Ballard scored 23 points to lead Washington over Cleveland, which lost its seventh in-a-row and 55th in 70 games this season. Ron Brewer, who scored 29 points for the Cavaliers,

hit two three-point shots in the final minute to cut the deficit to 103-101 with six seconds left. Ballard then hit one of two free throws with three seconds to go, but Cleveland was unable to hit another three-pointer before the buzzer.

Rockets 94, Warriors 92: Houston snapped Golden State's four-game winning streak by overcoming a four-point deficit in the final 22 seconds on three-point goals by Mike Dunleavy and Allen Leavell. Dunleavy connected with 22 seconds left to cut the lead to 92-91 and Leavell scored with seven seconds to go. Houston, which has won four in-a-row, was led by Moses Malone's 29 points and 17 rebounds. Golden State got 27 points from World Free.

Sonics 109, Blazers 101: Jack Sikma scored 25 points and grabbed 11 rebounds as Seattle handed Portland its fourth straight loss. Sikma started at forward instead of his usual center spot, making way for 7-foot-2 James Donaldson, who got 18 rebounds. Jim Paxson scored 23 points to lead the Trail Blazers, while Mychal Thompson had 22 points and 18 rebounds.

Lakers 116, Kings 111: Reserve Bob McAdoo scored 30 points and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar had 18 in his 1,000th NBA game as Los Angeles fought off Kansas City. The Lakers led by 12 points off Kansas City in the fourth period before an 11-4 run by the Kings cut the deficit to 101-98. But baskets by Abdul-Jabbar and McAdoo re-established control. Steve Johnson scored 26 points to lead Kansas City.

Pacers 102, Bulls 101: Clement Johnson's 20 points and 16 rebounds paced Indiana to its victory over Chicago. The lead changed hands 16 times before the Pacers moved ahead to stay, 92-91, on a free throw by Johnny Davis with 6:26 left. Indiana did not score for the last 2:17 after Don Buse hit a jumper for a five-point lead. But the Bulls, who got 25 points from Artis Gilmore, managed only four free throws in that span to cut the final deficit to one.

Standings

Eastern Conference					Western Conference				
Atlantic Division					Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	55	16	.775	—	San Antonio	44	27	.620	—
Philadelphia	49	21	.700	5½	Denver	40	30	.571	3½
Washington	36	34	.514	18½	Houston	40	22	.566	4½
New Jersey	36	36	.500	19½	Kansas City	25	46	.352	19
New York	30	41	.423	25	Dallas	24	47	.338	20
					Utah	19	52	.268	25
Central Division					Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB		W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	48	23	.676	—	Los Angeles	48	23	.676	—
Atlanta	35	35	.500	12½	Seattle	46	24	.657	1½
Detroit	34	37	.479	14	Golden State	39	32	.549	9
Indiana	32	39	.451	16	Phoenix	38	32	.543	9½
Chicago	29	41	.414	18½	Portland	35	35	.500	12½
Cleveland	15	55	.214	32½	San Diego	16	55	.225	32

Reutemann bids farewell to the track

PARIS, March 29 (AP) — Argentine Carlos Reutemann, No. 1 driver for the world champion Sauria-Williams team, has retired from motor racing just one week before the race in Long Beach, California, his wife Mimicha Reutemann said Sunday.

"Carlos took the decision immediately after the race in Brazil last week," Mimicha said in a telephonic interview with the Associated Press from their villa at Cap Ferret, the French Riviera. Mrs. Reutemann said her husband would probably make a formal statement Monday, but she would not elaborate why he had decided to retire.

Reutemann is the oldest and most experienced Grand Prix driver. He has won 12 of the 146 Grand Prix races in which he has competed. The Argentine finished second to Brazil's Nelson Piquet in the world championship, missing the first place by one point after a bad race in Las Vegas. He finished third in the 1980 world championship.

Reutemann originally had announced his retirement at the end of the 1981 season, but was lured back to the Sauria-Williams team with a contract reportedly worth more than one million pounds (\$2 million) after the



Carlos Reutemann ... catches all by surprise.

retirement of Williams' other star, Australian Alan Jones.

Contacted in Britain, team owner Frank Williams' wife said Reutemann had told her husband after the Brazilian race, "that his (Reutemann's) heart was no longer in it." "There is no point in having a driver who

feels like that, and they parted amicably but definitively," Mrs. Williams said. Both Williams and Reutemann were traveling Sunday and out of touch, their wives said.

"After Alan Jones left, we found a great driver in (Finn) Keke Rosberg," who came second to Nelson Piquet in Brazil last week," said Mrs. Williams. "After Carlos, I hope we'll find another Keke."

Mrs. Williams, however, said she had no indication which driver Williams might be trying to hire. Other teams already have contracted all the obvious top talent, although Williams theoretically could buy out a contract.

Reutemann has been with the Williams team since the 1980 season. Born in Santa Fe, Argentina, he first began his driving career in road races in his home country in 1965 when he was 29-year-old. In 1970, Reutemann went to Europe to race Formula II. He began his Formula I career two years later with the Brabham team, where he remained for five years. At the end of the 1977 season Reutemann joined the Ferrari team. He then teamed up with Lotus in 1979, and remained there one year before joining Williams.

Asim's splendid effort in vain

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 29 — Sikander's Asim stood out amongst the rest with a fine all-round performance in the lone match of the P.S. 95 Trophy Cricket Tournament last weekend.

But his performance was in vain as Sikander failed to bypass the target set by Jeddah Cricket Club in a match which swung like a pendulum. The victory enabled JCC to notch its first points in Group 'A', while Sikander languished at the cellar with a blank record after three straight defeats.

JCC were off to a flying start, after taking first strike, with openers Ashraf (35) and Hashim (20) showing a blend of caution as well as aggression. And just when it looked like JCC were headed for a mammoth total, Sikander struck through Asim. The middle order came in, swinging the pendulum toward Sikander, restored Sikander's hopes somewhat. Now the ball took the other direction with JCC displaying a tenacious rearguard action. With skipper Aslam (14) and Khalid (19) not out taking the JCC tally to 142.

Asim, who was responsible for the middle order slump, finished with flustering figures of six for 36 with Javed and Qurban sharing the remaining four wickets for 21 and 16 respectively.

The Sikander innings also followed a similar course to that of the JCC. Asim (51) and Zaidi (10), who put on 57 in just eight overs, laid a sound foundation. But change bowler, Hashim, struck two quick blows — dismissing both the openers — and with Aslam's sustained attack fetching dividends, Sikander were once again in trouble.

Sikander's sagging hopes were revived by a gritty knock of 34 by Ahmed. And just when Sikander were proceeding steadily toward the target, Hashim, called upon once again, struck decisively. He removed Ahmed, and with that wicket also the last of Sikander's resistance. Sikander fell short by 13 runs.

Ethiopian triumphs

SAN VITOLOLO, Italy, March 29 (R) — Ethiopia's Eshetu beat famous compatriots Muhammad Kadir and Miruts Yifter to win the five miles Cross Country race here Sunday.

Tura, 32, finished the 9.5 kms (six mile) course in exactly 30 minutes, beating Italy's Alberto Cova by two seconds. Kadir, widely expected to repeat his success of last Sunday's World Cross Country Championship in Rome, was pushed into fourth place by Britain's Mice McLeod, and Yifter was 10th, almost a minute behind the leaders.

The women's event was a repeat of last year's race, Norway's Grete Waitz finishing ahead of Italy's Agnese Possamai with Dianne Rodger of New Zealand third.

Keen tussle likely in NCAA title clash

By Tom Martella
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 29 — North Carolina coach Dean Smith will sit court-side for the second straight year Monday as his Tar Heels meet Georgetown's Hoyas in the NCAA basketball title clash. Smith, 23-13 over the years in NCAA tourney play, saw Bobby Knight's Indiana Hoosiers wipe out Carolina's title hopes last year. Smith has never won it all.

But with his team carrying a 15-game winning streak into the final before an expected 62,000 in the Superdome at New Orleans. Smith has to have some edge. Defense was the key to the Tar Heels' semifinal win over Houston Saturday, 68-63. Top Houston scorer Roh Williams, who entered the contest averaging nearly 22 points per game, didn't get a field goal and left the court with two points.

And Smith has the defensive horses to match stride with Hoyas' giant Patrick Ewing, just a freshman but perhaps the future big man in basketball — college and

professional. Sam Perkins and James Worthy, who netted 39 of the Tar Heels 68, have the height and bulk to get in the seven-footer's way around the basket. While only scoring eight in the Hoyas' 50-46 win over Louisville Saturday, Ewing was his usual dominating self, swatting one Louisville shot out of the air much like a King Kong in high-topped Converse.

At a press conference over the weekend Hoyas Coach John Thompson unleashed a storm of questions and speculation when he revealed Ewing's life was threatened earlier in the season. Some precautions were taken, but Ewing wasn't informed until Sunday. Thompson's casual attitude suggested that he didn't think the news would affect his team's play. But he didn't explain why he chose the eve of the title game to talk to the press about it.

While Georgetown seems to have it all — Ewing inside, Smith on defense, Floyd at the point — North Carolina's got tough people in key spots. Out back is guard Jimmy Black, who stepped into Phil Ford's position after Ford did such a stellar job last

year. Black covered Houston's Williams man-to-man all afternoon, and later modestly explained Williams' 0-for-8 shooting on the 61,612 fans that packed the Superdome. "It's hard to shoot in here," said Black nonchalantly.

In the corner is a cool Matt Doherty, whose steady play never gets the headlines but lends consistency to the Tar Heels attack. Then there are Perkins and Worthy. Nine for 11 from the field and seven for seven from the line, Perkins ended with a game-high 25. Worthy put in seven of 10 attempts, one of those on a breakaway beginning with his own rebound. The 6'9" junior forward set sail around his own free throw line and slammed it home. Another dunk came later in the midst of a Houston comeback.

Monday's game climaxes North Carolina mentor Smith's brilliant 31-2 season, which ends with his seventh trip to the Final Four. North Carolina won the NCAA title in 1957 under Frank McGuire. Georgetown, now 30-6, is in the title game for the first time since losing to Wyoming in 1943.

For season's second win

Watson subdues Connor

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, South Carolina, March 29 (AP) — Tom Watson subdued Frank Connor with a routine, 2-putt par on the third playoff hole and scored his second victory of the season Sunday in the Sea Pines-heritage Classic.

Watson put his approach some 12 feet from the flag and Connor had a difficult chip, up and over a bank. He ran it some 15 feet to the hole, missed it coming back. Watson, aggressively seeking a return to his position as golf's dominant figure, 2-putted for the par that made him the first double winner of the year on the PGA tour.

The victory, the 27th of his career, was worth \$54,000 from the total purse of \$300,000, and tied him with Henry Picard and the legendary Walter Hagen for 12th place on the all-time victory list.

This was Watson's last start prior to the first of the game's big four events in Augusta, Georgia, next month. Watson and Connor each finished the regulation 72 holes in 280, 4 shots under par on the unforgiving, 6,650-yard Harbor Town Golf links.

The course was made more difficult than usual by the blustery, 25 mph winds and temperatures that dipped into the low 40's (F). Watson, who beat Johnny Miller in a

playoff for the Los Angeles open title earlier this season, played his final round in par 71 and Connor, the third-round leader, had a 73. D.A. Weir, who got to within a single shot of the lead until he bogeyed the final hole, was third at 70-282.

The only others able to break par in the most difficult playing conditions of the year on the pro tour were Bobby Clampett, Australian Bob Shearer and former Heritage champion Doug Tewell, all at 1-under-par 283. Clampett moved up with a 70, Shearer shot 72 and Tewell 73.

Bill Rogers, the defending title-holder and the man who broke Watson's four-season string as golf's player of the year, was well back at 288 after a 73. Tom Kite, last year's leading mooney-winner, and Jerry Pate, a winner last week, were at 293. Kite had a closing 78 and Pate 73.

And Ben Crenshaw, ambushed by an 11 on the 14th hole, had the highest score of his career, an unbelievable 87 that included 50 on the back nine. Crenshaw hit four balls in the water on the 14th, then followed with another in the water on the 15th and made an 8 on that hole.

Meanwhile, Amy Alcott shot a 2-under-par 71 to capture the top prize in the \$175,000 Women's Kemper Open Golf Tournament Sunday by one stroke over veteran Joann Carner.

Alcott had a 72-hole score of 286, winning a showdown against Carner and Nancy Lopez, Melton, who finished with a 1-over-par 74 for a 288 total.

The victory, Alcott's first of the LPGA season, was worth \$26,250. Myra Van Hoose finished fourth with a 3-under-par 70 Sunday, 289 total on the seaside royal Kananahale, north, course. The day's and tournament best round was posted by Betsy King, who shot a 69 to finish at 292 along with Doug Caponi.

Carner, who shared the 54-hole lead with Lopez-Melton, bogeyed the 17th hole, missed a birdie putt on 18th to fall out of the three-way race at the end. The tournament played under mostly cloudy and sometimes windy skies was the first LPGA event played in Hawaii. It will be played next year on the same course.

Flyer crosses finish well ahead

PORTSMOUTH, March 29 (AP) — Dutch yacht *Flyer*, built and skippered by Cornelius Van Rietschoten, was first across the finish line here at 7:47 GMT at the end of the fourth and final stage from Mar Del Plata, Argentina of the Round The World Yacht Race.

Flyer "wins" the stage and the race it "real" time but the winner on adjusted time looks most likely to be French yacht *Charles Heidsieck III*, skippered by Alain Gaby. The yacht is now lying third in the Azores about 6000 miles from Portsmouth and should arrive here in about four days.

The 76-foot sloop with its 14-strong crew took 120 days to sail around the world beating by 14 days the four-year-old record set by Britain's *Chay Blyth* in *Great Britain II*.

Flyer arrived here this morning in light winds and with the sea against her to glide slowly across the line at the Old Royal Albert Yacht Club at the entrance to Portsmouth harbour. She had covered some 27,000 nautical miles crossing the finishing line first in four stages from Portsmouth to Capetown to Capetown to Auckland, Auckland to Mar Del Plata and now Mar Del Plata back to Portsmouth.

The second yacht expected here, probably Tuesday night is *Ceremuse*, New Zealand skippered by Peter Blake. Only 25 boats are still in the race of the 32 starters which left Portsmouth last year.

Van Rietschoten, who was welcomed to Portsmouth with a bouquet of tulips and an anchor made of chocolate, immediately announced that he was putting *Flyer* up for sale at a price of \$900,000. He said, "It is very good to be back. It was wonderfully long. He added, "We didn't do it for the trophy. We wanted was to be first across the line at each stage and to beat the record. And we did it."

The final miles had been painfully slow with *Flyer* almost becalmed and having to try to make headway against a strong current. "There are always highs and lows," said Van Rietschoten. "I really enjoyed the voyage through the South Pacific and just to complete this race is marvellous."

He said the most terrifying moments in the race came during the second Capetown to Auckland stage when they sailed through icebergs at a speed of 25 knots. "There if you hit an iceberg, you have had it," he said.

Van Rietschoten, 55, who plans to take part in the next round of the world yacht race in three years said, "We will sail again if there is still a world to race around."

Vilas too good for Connors

MILAN, Italy, March 29 (AP) — Guillermo Vilas of Argentina defeated top-seeded Jimmy Connors 6-3, 6-3 to win the Caoro Tennis Tournament here Sunday.

Vilas, appearing in peak condition, overcame the American in one hour and 24 minutes at Milan's Indoor Sports Palace. The Argentine collected \$70,000. The victory was the 29-year-old Vilas' fifth in nine matches against Connors and his second in a week. Vilas had upset Connors in Rotterdam last Sunday.

Despite the defeat Connors held the lead in the Volvo Grand Prix tennis standings with 1,030 points, ahead of Vilas, who has 675.

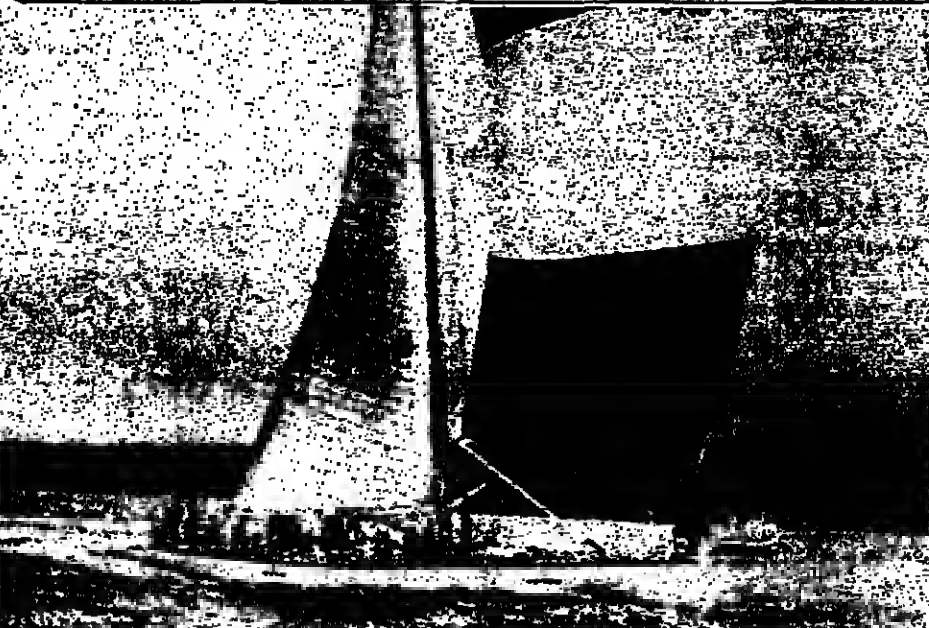
Top-seeded Heinz Günthardt of Switzerland and Peter McNamara of Australia won the doubles title, and a \$21,000 bonus, defeating the Australian-U.S. team of Mark

Edmondson and Sherwood Stewart 7-6, 7-6.

Meanwhile, Sylvia Hanika of West Germany dropped the first set but came back strongly to defeat Navratilova 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 to claim the singles final of the \$300,000 Avon Championship in New York Sunday.

The loss halted Navratilova's winning streak of five straight tournament and her first defeat since the Toyota Championship. For Hanika, the victory, her second over Navratilova, was worth \$100,000. For Navratilova, who was top-seeded in a select eight-player field, it was the third defeat in the final of a major tournament.

Navratilova collected \$52,000 for her second-place finish. On Saturday, she had teamed with Pam Shriver to capture the donhies title.



SAILING HIGH: Dutch yacht *Flyer*, which was the first of the 25 boats, in the Round the World Yacht Race, to cross the finish line at Portsmouth Monday. The 76-foot sloop is skippered by Cornelius Van Rietschoten.

Abdullah nets winner for Kingdom

By a Staff Writer

ABU DHABI, March 29 — Saudi Arabia found its touch in the Gulf Soccer Championships. It gained its first full points with a narrow 1-0 victory over Qatar here Monday.

Earlier, Kuwait were restricted to a 2-0 triumph by Oman in a fast-paced encounter. Oman, occupying the cellar position, surprised one-and-all with stout-hearted defense. And the man who stood out against the repeated onslaught of Kuwait was goalkeeper Sulaiman Muhammad. He brought many a planned Kuwait move to a nought and even blocked a 18th minute penalty, taken by Yusuf Suwayad.

The change of ends saw a different Kuwait. They struck twice within a space of eight

minutes and rode on those goals to take the top spot in the league. The goals by Muhammad Ibrahim (first minute) and Sami Al-Hashash (eighth minute) enabled Kuwait to displace Iraq from the top.

Saudi Arabia came into their own in the second session and the lone goal they got came off a penalty. The spot kick was awarded against a Qatar defender for tripping Jamal Farhan and Majed Abdullah made no mistake from the spot.

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UAE	4	2	1	1	4	3	3
S. Arabia	4	1	2	1	2	3	3
Qatar	4	1	0	3	4	4	2
Oman	4	0	0	4	4	13	0

Penguins gain NHL playoff spot

NEW YORK, March 29 (AP) — Jim Hamilton and Paul Garrier scored two goals apiece as the Pittsburgh Penguins defeated the Washington Capitals 6-5 Sunday night and clinched a berth in the National Hockey League Playoffs.

Meanwhile, defenseman Reed Larson scored once and set up two other goals as the Detroit Red Wings rallied to a 6-4 verdict over Toronto Maple Leafs. In another action,

European soccer results

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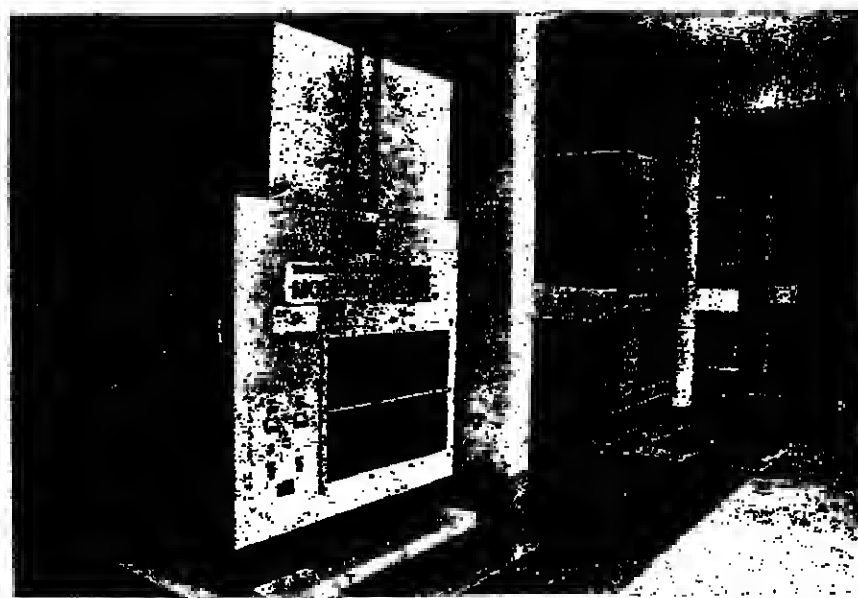
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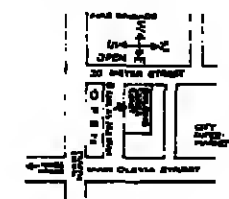
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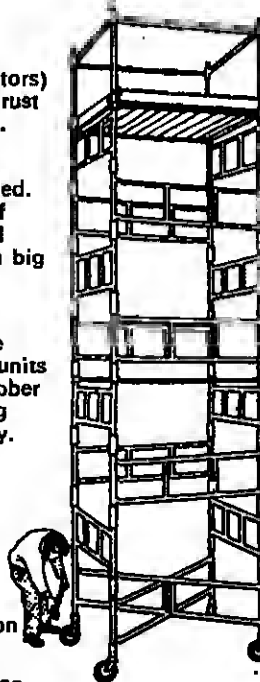
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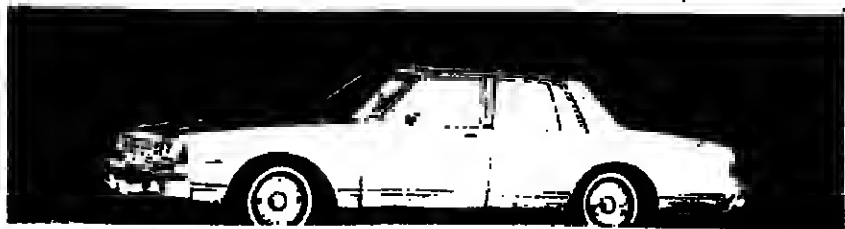
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New fighting breaks out

Duarte party leads in Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, March 29 (AP) — President Jose Napoleon Duarte's moderate Christian Democrats led right-wing parties in early election returns Monday after hundreds of thousands of Salvadorans voted despite widespread leftist rebel attacks.

At least 60 persons were reported killed as security forces fought guerrillas attempting to disrupt the voting Sunday for a constituent assembly to write a new constitution and name an interim government to replace the U.S.-backed civilian-military junta.

New fighting broke out about dawn Monday when guerrillas attacked the San Carlos army barracks, a major military installation in the poor Mejicanos section of San Salvador, witnesses said. Journalists reported hearing automatic weapons fire and said snipers prevented entry to some parts of the area as the battle continued two hours after dawn. Mejicanos has long been a guerrilla haven and was the scene of considerable fighting Sunday.

Ex-President Jose Figueres of Costa Rica,

Soviets warned over missiles

BONN, March 29 (AFP) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Monday warned the Soviet Union against hoping U.S. medium-range nuclear missiles would not be installed in West Germany if U.S.-Soviet Euromissile negotiations in Geneva failed.

"The Soviet Union hopes that voices in Western Europe and in America will be raised to stop the creation of a counterweight (to the Soviet medium-range SS-20 missiles), even if the Euromissile negotiations produce no result," Schmidt said in a Swedish Television interview, the text of which was published here.

"This hope will turn out to be false. The Soviet Union should be convinced that if negotiations fail to produce a result, the United States will install (its missiles) here," he added. Swedish Prime Minister Thorbjorn Faellidn will be visiting West Germany for three days, starting Wednesday.

E. Berliners hail Jaruzelski

EAST BERLIN, March 29 (R) — East Germany Monday welcomed Poland's military ruler Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski in a huge display of support for his martial law policies. Almost the entire ruling Politburo, including head of state Erich Honecker, Prime Minister Willi Stoph, Defense Minister Gen. Heinz Hoffmann and trade union boss Harry Tisch, greeted Jaruzelski at the airport.

Thousands of police and plainclothes state security men guarded the 25-km route through the city, which was lined by flag-waving factory workers and schoolchildren. Gen. Jaruzelski visited Moscow at the beginning of this month and is due to go to Prague

soon in what appears to be a tour to show his allies that Poland is safely back in the Communist fold.

Red banners, displayed in quantities unseen in East Berlin for some years, carried slogans declaring "by the side of the USSR for the preservation of peace" and "together for anti-imperialist solidarity."

Jaruzelski was accompanied by Foreign Minister Jozef Cyrtek and a cross section of military and party officials including Deputy Defense Minister Jozef Baryla, leading economist Jan Glowczyk and former member of the Solidarity free trade union Zofia Grzyb.

one of 200 foreign observers of the voting, said it was too early to tell who won the election, "but the guerrillas lost."

U.S. Ambassador Deane Hinton repeated prepol pledges to try to work with whoever wins the election, but added the Christian Democrats appeared "very much in the lead" and he hoped for "a reconciliation of the democratic parties." He said the guerrilla drive to disrupt the elections was "a total failure."

Rebel attacks were heaviest in the eastern part of the country, where a day-long battle prevented voting in Usulután. In San Salvador, 24 guerrillas and three soldiers were killed in street battles, and in Apopa north of the capital 15 persons died.

Unofficial partial returns gave the Christian Democrats 50,606 votes, or 40.3 percent, to 36,837, or 29.3 percent, for retired Maj. Roberto d'Aubuisson's ultra-rightist Republican Nationalist Alliance, in second place.

The National Conciliation Party, which ran the government from 1961 until the 1979 coup, had 20,314 votes (16.2 percent). Democratic Action was fourth with 12,171 (9.7 percent), the Popular Salvadoran Party had 4,191 (3.3 percent) and the Popular Orientation Party had 1,419 (1.1 percent).

With 31 seats needed for control of the assembly, Christian Democratic leader Julio Adolfo Rey Prendes estimated his party would get between 26 and 29 while D'Aubuisson's party would get 16 to 18.

Another Christian Democratic leader, Tuilermo Guevara, said the party might be able to form a majority coalition with Democratic Action, the most moderate of the rightist factions. "We have already had informal contacts and believe we can have a constructive dialogue," he said.

Leftist parties boycotted the voting, saying it was a farce sponsored by the United States and any candidates they put forward would be assassinated.

Marcos wants bases negotiated

MANILA, March 29 (AFP) — President Ferdinand Marcos said Monday he would seek renegotiation of the Philippine United States military bases agreement as soon as possible. He said certain issues and problems needed resolving. The agreement will be among matters to be taken up with U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger who is expected in Manila Thursday, President Ferdinand Marcos told newsmen Monday.

The United States has been one of its biggest overseas military facilities. Among operational matters that have to be discussed, the president said, are customs, immigration, quarantine, internal revenue and perimeter security issues. The military agreement is supposed to be renegotiated every five years. The existing amendments were concluded in January 1979. "We should probably start negotiating now," the president said.

Weinberger is on a tour of three U.S. allies in the Far East. He has already been to Japan and South Korea and will be proceeding to Manila. Marcos said details about how perimeter base security is being conducted need to be looked into. He said he was in favor of stopping American soldiers participating in this completely.

The military agreement presently provides for \$500 million worth of military aid and credit in exchange for the use of Subic naval base in Zambales province and Clark Air Base in nearby Pampanga province.

Zimbabweans smash spy ring

SALISBURY, March 29 (R) — The Zimbabwe government said Monday it had broken a South African spy ring directed from within the prime minister's office. An official spokesman said three white men had been arrested and a fourth white, the leader, had fled to South Africa.

The spokesman said the leader, who was a senior security official in the department of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, had been declared an enemy of the state and his property was ordered confiscated.

Zimbabwe's security chief Emmerson Munangagwa, a minister of state in the prime minister's office, was quoted Monday as saying two of the three arrested men would soon appear in court. He told *The Herald* newspaper that the leader of the spy ring had fled the country in January, first to Britain and then to South Africa.

"When he discovered that we knew he was head of one of South Africa's spy rings in the country and that we were on the right trail, he fled," Munangagwa said in an interview with *The Herald*. He could not be reached for comment, but the government spokesman confirmed his remarks.

Prime Minister Mugabe has frequently accused South Africa of working actively to destabilize Zimbabwe and other neighboring African states, he has accused white and black political elements of plotting with the republic to overthrow his government. Sixteen whites and an unknown number of blacks have been detained for alleged subversion.

Guatemala officer killed in ambush

GUATEMALA CITY, March 29 (AP) — A national police official who had been expected to be replaced by the new junta was killed in an ambush, according to police, who blamed leftist guerrillas, for the action.

The official, Lt. Ricardo Benedito Santos, and an aide were killed Friday but police did not disclose the deaths until Sunday. They did not explain why the report was held up. Santos and a police agent who was not identified were ambushed while driving near Cuilapa about 40 miles southwest of the capital, police said.

Santos was chief of Command 6, a police force in charge of investigations of subversion and crime. Santos' boss, chief of detectives Pedro Garcia Arredondo, was fired by the new military regime that took power in a coup last Tuesday.

The government headed by Gen. Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia was ousted by a military coup led by officers claiming the March 7 presidential elections were rigged and that the government was corrupt.

Indonesian killed

JAKARTA, March 29 (Agencies) — At least one person, reportedly a youth from the Muslim PPP party, was killed in a showdown between supporters of the ruling Golkar and the PPP in the ancient Javanese town of Yogyakarta, where riots took place during the weekend, authoritative sources said Monday.

An open clash occurred Sunday when a group of Golkar members stormed into an election campaign rally organized by the PPP in a square in Kotagede on the outskirts of the city, the sources said.

A dozen youths from both Golkar and the PPP were injured and armed troops fired gunshots into the air to disperse them, the sources added. Some 15 youths were arrested, suspected of having instigated the clash but the situation had returned to normal and was calm Monday evening, a police spokesman said.

Safe landing expected

Shuttle trip 'successful'

HOUSTON, March 29 (R) — The American space shuttle *Columbia*'s third test mission was hailed a complete success by space agency officials and scientists. Flight director Tommy Holloway told reporters Monday he expected the shuttle to touch down at a desert landing strip in New Mexico on time at 1927 GMT.

He said weather forecasts for the White Sands missile range showed wind conditions would be adequate for a safe landing. Several options were available if winds affect the guidance system and visibility of the astronauts. These included bringing the *Columbia* home on orbit, or 90 minutes, early or extending the mission by a full day. "I would like to see the winds a little less gusty, but conditions are adequate as far as it goes now," Holloway said.

Mission control woke up astronauts Jack Lousma and Gordon Fullerton after an eight-hour sleep with some lively country music as they began their final nine and a half hours in space. Chief flight director Neil Hutchinson, at his final press conference of the mission Sunday night, said: "The space-ship is great. The crew is great."

He said minor problems encountered during this mission would be examined thoroughly while the *Columbia* is prepared for its final test flight at the end of June.

He was speaking about the loss of less than 40 of about 31,000 thermal protection tiles from the top of the spacecraft, failures of two television cameras and a malfunction of part of the intricate air-to-ground communications network. Hutchinson said of the "lessons learned in terms of things that have broken, probably the biggest one is that this ship has the capability to sustain a lot of things that don't go exactly right, and it still bums along really well."

One of the biggest accomplishments of the mission was the successful testing of the craft's 50-foot-long cargo-moving arm. The Canadian-built mechanical limb performed

impeccably in its first attempt to pick up a heavy cargo with its trap-like "hand." The shuttle apparently also passed extensive testing of the effects on its structure and computer systems of extreme changes in temperature. Scientists were described as overjoyed with the quantity and quality of data from experiments conducted in the *Columbia*'s 60-foot-long cargo bay and in the crew cabin.

Indians to testify in Seychelles trial

NEW DELHI, March 29 (AP) — The pilot and co-pilot of an Air-India jetliner hijacked last year from the Seychelles to South Africa will be allowed to testify before a tribunal in the Seychelles acting for the South African court trying the hijackers, a government spokesman said Monday.

The Indian government had earlier announced that members of the plane's crew were forbidden to testify at the trial itself, which is under way in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. This is because India has no diplomatic relations with South Africa and disapproves of that country's system of racial segregation.

On the basis of information that arrangements have been made for the justice of the Seychelles high court to act as a special commission to take evidence in the case, "the government of India has decided that the pilot and co-pilot will be permitted to proceed to the Seychelles to be examined there in commission — keeping in mind the facts that the examination will be conducted on neutral territory and that the special commissioner will not be a South African national," the spokesman said.

Air-India is owned by the Indian government, which had drawn criticism from the International Airline Pilots Association for blocking the testimony.



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Beirut	7	44	17	62	sunny
Buenos Aires	15	59	18	64	rainy
Calao	9	48	19	66	clear
Caracas	23	71	30	82	cloudy
Chicago	-6	21	7	45	clear
Copenhagen	3	37	13	55	clear
Dublin	2	36	12	54	cloudy
Frankfurt	1	30	16	61	cloudy
Gatwea	7	45	17	63	showers
Helsinki	-2	28	5	41	clear
Hong Kong	16	61	21	70	clear
Jakarta	24	75	32	90	cloudy
Kuala Lumpur	1	30	16	61	cloudy
London	7	45	11	52	cloudy
Los Angeles	13	55	17	63	rain
Madrid	3	37	17	63	cloudy
Manila	23	73	32	90	cloudy
Mexico City	15	59	28	82	clear
Miami	24	75	25	77	rain
Montreal	2	36	9	48	sunny
Moscow	-3	27	7	45	clear
New Delhi	19	66	31	88	clear
New York	-6	21	6	43	clear
Nicosia	15	59	22	70	clear
Oslo	1	34	8	46	cloudy
Paris	7	45	17	63	cloudy
Rio de Janeiro	20	68	33	91	cloudy
Rome	8	46	19	66	cloudy
San Francisco	9	48	12	54	rain
Seoul	2	36	15	59	clear
Singapore	25	77	30	86	rain
Stockholm	-2	28	8	47	sunny
Sydney	15	59	24	75	fine
Taipei	14	57	18	64	cloudy
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